

F O S S I L S
A R R A N G E D
ACCORDING TO THEIR
OBVIOUS CHARACTERS;
WITH THEIR
HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION;
UNDER THE ARTICLES OF
F O R M, S U R F A C E,
H A R D N E S S, C O L O U R, A N D
W E I G H T, Q U A L I T I E S;
The P L A C E of their P R O D U C T I O N,
T H E I R U S E S,
A N D
Distinctive E N G L I S H, and C l a s s i c a l L A T I N N A M E S.

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INTRODUCTION.

TH E purpose here is to lay down an arrangement of Fossils; founded on their obvious characters, and sensible qualities: according to which they may be known, and disposed in method; without the skill of Chemistry, or the fatigue of experiments: without furnaces, or aqua fortis.

Those arts and instruments may be needful to ascertain their nature; but we are here employed only on their outward form, and character: the other part of the science, which is indeed the most essential, will follow the more easily: for things, before they are deeply examined, ought first to be known.

In this method nothing will be admitted as an article of distinction, but what is to be perceived at once, by the sight, smell, taste, or touch. Good sense alone will be required to arrange Fossils according to these palpable and unerring guides; and the system will serve for all cabinets,

nets ; because it comprehends all the Fossils that are known to exist.

From these determinations alone of our senses, will be given a detail of the differences we find in Fossils ; under the heads of Form, Hardness, Weight, Surface, Colour, and Qualities, as distinguished by the taste, smell, or touch.

These distinctive marks will be disposed separately in so many columns ; and to these will be added two more for the history of the bodies : comprehending the place where they are found ; and uses to which they serve.

Thus the few words in our six first columns read together, will give the *Specific Character* of every Fossil : and those of the two last will add what is essential in its history and value.

A Table of Classes will be prefixed to all ; in which the method will appear at one View.

The distinction of each Class will be added at the head of each : and after this, subordinate characters of the several genera. These, like the rest, will be founded only on obvious characters ; and from these the detail of species will be regularly pursued.

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These Characters cannot be so absolute and determinate, as those which mark the like great distinctions among Animals and Vegetables. It is impossible they should: Fossils, not being organic bodies, produced by eggs or seeds, are not themselves so determinate and distinct: and it would be preposterous to attempt in the distribution, what nature has not done in their construction.

The greater distinctions are the nearest being absolute; for so much the simplicity of nature in these bodies allows: all subordinate differences are less determinate; and the lower we descend, the more equivocal must be the marks. The Characters of Genera therefore are liable to exception often; and those of what we are content to call Species, in this Kingdom, always.

The great and essential difference of Species and Variety, so useful in Plants, is lost in Fossils; it would be happy if it were otherwise: but 'tis idle to speak of things any way but as they are.

The terms of difference between Species and Species, are every where expressed at the heads of the several columns; and these are all placed in each Page, because usually most of them are requisite; though 'tis according
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to the general nature of the bodies, that one or other of them becomes most essential : each Class has its different qualities, that more or less determine the Species of the objects it comprehends ; and in this way all the marks are always ready.

Thus in *Stones*, the Characters of FORM, HARDNESS, WEIGHT, and SURFACE, are most essential ; among the *Crystals* and *Spars*, FORM and COLOUR ; with *Earths* and with the *Talcs*, FATTINESS ; in the *Salts*, TASTE ; and with the *Sulphurs*, SMELL. The terms of place belong to all ; and (where they have been brought to serve the purpose of Life,) their uses.

In the application of these terms to the several Fossils, they are always given comparatively ; and have reference to the other Bodies of the same Genus. The Classes separate very different things from one another ; and the lesser distinction of Genus yet farther divides these of each alliance : the Character of the Class, and that of the Genus, are always to be carried in the mind, in addition to the distinctive mark of the Species : and as the articles expressed in our columns are intended to refer only to the Fossils of the same name, when 'tis said that bodies are hard, or soft, light, or heavy, it means nothing absolute ; but is only to be under-

understood as hard, or soft, in comparison of others of that kind : and so of all the rest.

In the same manner the article of place is not meant as singular, or particular ; for many Fossils are in a manner universal : 'tis only intended to say, that such or such a Country is one of those where this or that Fossil is found.

With respect to other Authors, their systems have been founded on principles so different from those which direct all things in this, that references to them are not very necessary : the information intended to be given here, is meant to be conveyed at once ; and to be itself sufficient for the distinctive knowledge of the body. However, to comply with custom ; and mark the way to farther enquiry, the name of the Author, who seems to have best understood the body in question, is annexed always to its Latin name, by the initial letter. The Reader will be pleased therefore to know, that in these places,

W stands for Wallerius.

B for Bomare.

L for Linnæus.

H for my history of Fossils.

And that where the letter **N** is added, the Body described is a new Species.

As I have had the advantage of more than twenty years experience since the publication of the Book just named ; I find I shall have many Species to add, which were not known at all at that time ; and several to retrench, which are better known now : and where the same faithful guide directs me, I shall not scruple to take the same liberty with the opinions of others, as to the Species ; that I have taken with my own.

Large Histories may be written on the nature of the several subjects ; but the purpose here is nothing more than that previous acquaintance with the Bodies, which is the first essential enquiry : the plan is to make that as certain, as obvious, and as familiar, as the nature of the subject will admit : and of all things, to express it in as few words as possible.

The annexed table will give the course of the arrangement that is to be used : in which, it seems essential to begin with the simplest bodies : for otherwise, 'tis impossible to comprehend the description of those which are composed of several kinds.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS I.

TALC.

TALCUM.

A pure Fossil : composed of flexible and elastic
Plates.

TALC is LIABLE TO BE tinged by mineral Steams ;
clouded by subterranean Fires ;
fouled by admixture of earths ;
broken by the force it suffered while among
fluid Matter ;
distorted by the concretion of Stones, in which
it lies ;
debas'd by an admixture of their Matter ;
and intermixed with similar Fossils.

Hence, tho' naturally transparent, it becomes sometimes opake ; alters its form ; and loses in like manner of its flexibility.

Therefore Talc, in the condition we see it in the earth, is to be separated into various Genera, and Species ; according to those differences, and other accidents.

T A L C.

G E N U S I.

I S I N G L A S S.

V I T R U M.

Composed of broad, flat, close, polished Plates.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. MUSCOVY ISINGLASS.							
In broad masses	the plates flexible	very light	glossy	BROWNISH	soft	Russia, in rocks	Mica Membranacea. W. for windows, lan- terns, &c.
2. DANISH ISINGLASS.							
Large thick masses	plates tough	heavy	shining	WHITISH	fatty	Denmark, Sweden, Norway	Mica Laminosa. L. windows.
3. INDIAN ISINGLASS.							
Thin cakes	plates most flexible	very light	polished	PALE YELLOW	unctuous	Cotomandel	Verre de Muscovic jaune. B. as glass.
4. PERSIAN ISINGLASS.							
Round lumps	plates elastic	quivering	shivery	PALE RED	smooth	Island of Ormuz, in red earth	Vitrum Perseum. H. covering mi- niatures.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. FRENCH ISINGLASS.							
Broad cakes	plates scarce elastic	heavy	undulated	BROWN	fatty	Champaign, in rocks, by rivers	Vitrum Gallicum. H. as glass, but poorly.
6. ICELAND ISINGLASS.							
Broad masses	plates brittle	light	shivery	WHITE	harsh	Mount He- cla	Vitrum Islandicum. N.
7. HUNGARIAN ISINGLASS.							
Irregular lumps	plates brittle	heavy	scaly	YELLOW	unctuous	Cremnitz, in mines	Mica Hungarica. L.
8. ORPIMENT ISINGLASS. ORPIMENT.							
Uneven mas- ses	plates brittle	heavy	undulated	GREENISH YELLOW	fatty, ful- phureous	Saxony, in mines	Vitrum - Auripigmentum. H. a yellow paint

T A L C.

G E N U S II.

G L I M M E R.

M I C A.

Composed of small, loose, irregular, shining Scales.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. GOLD GLIMMER.							
In small rough masses	rigid	heavy	scaly	YELLOW	dry	Germany *	Mica Aurea. W.
2. SILVER GLIMMER.							
Larger uneven lumps	flexible	light	wavy	WHITE	fatty	Germany	Mica Argentea. W.
3. GREEN GLIMMER.							
Small rough lumps	hard	heavy	scaly	BRIGHT GREEN	harsh	Germany, in mines	Mica Viridis. W.
4. BLACK GLIMMER.							
Great rugged lumps	very hard	heavy	oblong and streaky	BLACK	harsh	Denmark, in mines	Mica Decussata. L.
5. RED GLIMMER.							
In small rude lumps	tender	heavy	rugged	RUDDY	fatty	Saxony, in mines	Mica Rubra. W.

6. VENETIAN GLIMMER.
VENICE TALC.

In uneven masses	soft	heavy
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undulated

GREENISH
WHITE

most fatty

Norberg,
in rocks

a cosmetic.

Mica Talcosa.
L.

7. CONVEX GLIMMER.

In small half- round lumps	tender	light
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coated

SILVERY

smooth

Finland,
in clayMica Hæmispherica.
W.

8. UPRIGHT GLIMMER.

Large and uneven	stony	heavy
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rais'd,
three-cor-
ner'd, split

WHITISH

harsh

Sweden,
in minesMica Crystallina.
L.

9. TWISTED GLIMMER.

Rude masses	soft	heavy
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wavy

YELLOW

fatty

Hartz forest,
in minesMica Undulata.
W.

10. STREAKY GLIMMER.

Flat pieces	brittle	heavy
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thready

GREY

dry

Saxony,
in rocksMica Radiata.
W.

* Perhaps this is the Mica Nigra, calcined by subterranean Fires ; for that becomes yellow, when burnt.

T A L C.

G E N U S III.

B L A C K L E A D.

M O L Y B D Æ N U M.

Composed of minute, fatty, irregular, and close-connected Scales, staining the hands.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE BLACK LEAD.							Molybdænum Impalpabile. L.
Compact	tender	light	smooth	GLOSSY BLACK	fatty	England and Germany, in hills	lead pencils.
2. SCALY BLACK LEAD.							Molybdænum Subquammosum. L.
Brittle	soft	heavy	scaly	DEAD BLACK	smooth	Sweden, in mountains	pencils.
3. PLATED BLACK LEAD.							Molybdænum Sabineolum. L.
Shattery	brittle	light	uneven	GREY BLACK	soft	Germany, in mines	pencils.
4. DUSTY BLACK LEAD.							Molybdænum Compactum. L.
Scaly	firm	heavy	rough	BLACK	dry	Gosselaer, in mines	a black paint.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
5. PERPLEN'D BLACK LEAD.							
Streaky	hard	heavy	thready	BLACK	rough	France, in rocks	Molybdænum Inticatum. L. a blacking
6. RADIATED BLACK LEAD.							
Streaked	hard	heavy	raised in ridges	GREYISH BLACK	dry	Sweden, in mines	Molybdænum Radiatum. L. for colouring earthen ware
7. KIDNEY BLACK LEAD.							
Chaffy	soft	light	dusty	DEAD BLACK	dry	Germany	Molybdænum Reniforme. L. for crucibles

8. SANDY BLACK LEAD.

Rugged	crumbly	heavy
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uneven

BROWN
BLACK

harsh

Banks of the
Rhine

a coarse colour.

Molybdæna
Impura.
W.

9. WOLF BLACK LEAD.

Uneven	soft	very heavy
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wavy

REDDISH
BLACKvery
unctuousWestmore-
land, in the
hillsa good ordinary
colour.Molybdænum
Sperma Lupi.
L.

10. DINOY BLACK LEAD.

Gritty	very hard	heavy
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confused

GREYISH
BLACK

unctuous

Upland

Molybdæna
Testularis.
W.

11. BRIGHT BLACK LEAD.

Flaky	hard	heavy
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raised in
diceYELLOWISH
BLACK

fatty

Bohemia

Talcum
Cubicum.
B.

THE Structure of these, and the Bodies of the three following Genera, are best seen in the sides of rough masses ; rude as they are taken from the earth : where these are wanting, it is best seen in a piece newly broken, viewed crosswise.

In general, where the eye is not able to see it plainly, a reading-glass is to be used ; and for the most confused kinds, a glass of more power.

T A L C.

G E N U S IV.

S O A P R O C K.

S M E C T I S.

Composed of small, regular, fatty, tender, and close-connected Flakes; formed into a compact smooth mass.

WE shall begin to see, in this Genus, and from thence be led perfectly, in the three succeeding ones, to distinguish the way by which Nature gradually descends, from the purity and perfection of the finer Bodies in each Class ; to those so foul, and imperfect, that we at last lose sight of what they are.

The opake black Touchstone differs as much from the bright Russian Isinglass, as one thing well can differ in its aspect from another : yet, when all are thus traced through their gradations, we cannot doubt but it is the last of Talc.

The Characters of these Fossils are plainest in the purest ; the Isinglass : but even there, the Hecla kind loses its transparency. They begin to degenerate in the Glimmers ; they are yet less distinct in the Black Leads ; and in these Soaprocks, and the succeeding Genera, the eye scarce perceives the plated structure : but still they are, in all, the same. Unformed Talc, or the substance of the Talc, not formed into plates, often mixes with their flakes ; and confuses them : but having seen these flakes in the purest Isinglass, they will be traced by the eye a great way thro' the Glimmers : a little assistance will shew them in Black Lead, and even in all these : and all the while, their smoothness to the touch, and fatty quality, deduced only from their broken plates, declare them every where.

The more opake of these Bodies will be repeated under the head of hardened earths, &c. with references to their just place here : and this seems as much as Nature allows to the methodical arrangement of Fossils ; which have not been formed with those absolute and distinctive characters we trace in the two higher orders of created Bodies.

SOAPROCK.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CORNSH SOAPROCK.							
In rude lumps	tender	heavy	marbled	RED AND WHITE	very fatty	Cornwall	Talcum Smectis Opacum. L. for porcelain.
2. CHINA SOAPROCK.							
In great masses	hard	heavy	rugged	GREYISH WHITE	fatty	China	Talcum Smectis Steatites. L. in the fine porcelain.
3. SWEDISH SOAPROCK.							
Flat cakes	soft	light	polished	RUDDY	very fatty	Sweden	Talcum Smectis Lanelliform. L. cleaning woollen cloths.
4. GERMAN SOAPROCK.							
In small lumps	tender	light	rugged	WHITE SPOTTED WITH RED	soft	Hartz forest	Talcum Smectis Subdiaphanum. L. cleaning woollen cloths.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
5. GREY PLATED SOAPROCK.							
Flat cakes	brittle	heavy	smooth	GREYISH	fatty	Sweden	Talcum Lamellare. L. for marking.
6. BLACK PLATED SOAPROCK.							
In thick cakes	very hard	very heavy	smooth and polished	BLACK	oily	Germany	Talcum Corneum. L. for marking.
7. LEATHER SOAPROCK.							
In thin cakes	soft	light	uneven	PALE BROWN	fatty	Sweden	Talcum Coriaceum. L.
8. ROSE SOAPROCK.							
Rude lumps	tender	heavy	raised in convex flakes	ROSE-CO- LOUR	very soft	Sweden	Talcum Carneum. L. cleaning wool.

9. GREEN SOAPROCK.

Uneven
lumps

soft

very
heavy

dusty

DEEP
GREEN

dry

Germany

Talcum
Viridans,
L.

10. RED SOAPROCK.

Vast masses

soft

heavy

uneven

DULL RED

fatty

England

for marking.

Talcum
Rubrica,
L.

11. WHITE SOAPROCK.

Flat masses

soft

light

dusty

WHITISH

fatty

Switzerland

Talcum
Lithomarga,
L.

12. FRENCH SOAPROCK.

FRENCH CHALK.

In great flat-
ted lumps

hard

heavy

smooth

GREENISH
WHITE

very fatty

France

for marking.

Le Talc Vert
de Briançon,
B.

13. SPOTTED SOAPROCK.

Small flattened
lumps

soft

light

uneven

GREY AND
GREEN

fatty

France

for cleaning
cloaths.Le Talc Vert
Marbré,
B.

T A L C.

G E N U S V.

P O T S T O N E.

O L L A R I S.

Composed of broad, narrow, and uneven Flakes, mixed irregularly together.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. SOAPY POTSTONE.							
Great masses	hard	very heavy	uneven	MOTTLED GREY AND GREEN	fatty	Sweden	Pierre Ollaïre, W. for vessels to bear the fire : it har- dens to a stone in burning.
2. TENDER POTSTONE.							
Rude masses	soft	heavy	irregular	GREY AND RUDDY	very fatty	Switzerland	Pierre de Côme, IL for pots to bear the fire.
3. COARSE POTSTONE.							
Large masses	hard	heavy	scaly	GREY AND BLACK	dry and harsh	Germany	Pierre Ollaïre à gros graines, B. for furnaces.

T A L C.

G E N U S VI.

C O L U B R I N E.

C O L U B R I N U S.

Composed of small, flat, thick, even, and close-connected Flakes.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. SOFT COLUBRINE.							
In flat masses	soft	light	uneven	OLIVE-COLOURED	very fatty	Salberg	La Colubrine tendre. B. for ornaments.
2. HARD COLUBRINE.							
Rude masses	very hard	heavy	rugged	IRON-GREY	fatty	Germany	La Colubrine dure. B. for furnaces.
3. LOOSE COLUBRINE.							
Flat masses	hard	heavy	flaky	GREENISH	fatty	Salberg	Lapis Colubrinus Lamellosus. B. for furnaces.

ALL the Colubrines cut easily, but will take no polish.

If it were not for the last Species, it would have been hard to know the Colubrines were Talcs : but here we evidently see the plates ; though they will not separate.

In this, and in the Soaprocks, and the Potstones, all is Talc, though mixed and crushed together. These afford instances of Talc fouled with Earth ; but still 'tis talcy Earth ; and perhaps unformed Talc : and in the Ollaris, in particular, we see it in the most mixed state of all ; with unformed earthy Talc, and talcy Fibres.

T A L C.

G E N U S VII.

S E R P E N T I N E.

S E R P E N T I N U S.

Composed of Plates connected in small lumps, and mixed with unformed Talc.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. DARK SERPENTINE.							
In great lumps	very hard	very heavy	rugged	MARbled OF GREEN AND BLACK	dry	Finland	Talcum Serpentinus. L. for marble mor- tars.
2. BRIGHT SERPENTINE.							
In vast masses	hard	heavy	half-po- lished	MARbled OF DARK GREEN AND WHITE	fatty	Germany	La Serpentine demi transparente. B. for ornaments.
3. TREADY SERPENTINE. NEPHRITIC STONE.							
In large lumps	hard	very heavy	bright	LIGHT GREEN	fatty	America	Talcum Nephriticus. L. in medicine, for the gravel.
4. BLACK SERPENTINE. TOUCHSTONE.							
In vast rude masses	hard	heavy	smooth	BLACK	fatty	Silesia	Lapis Metallorum. W. for trying metals.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS II.

S E L E N I T E.

S E L E N I T E S.

Composed of flexible, but not elastic Plates.

SELENITE is softer than Spar; less weighty,
and somewhat less transparent.

Its Plates break into Rhombs; and when it crystallizes free and pure, this is its natural and original form.

We find it transparent, of various Figures ; but composed all of united Rhombs : and when its concretion has been interrupted, we see it in the forms of granulated, fibrous, or scaly masses, and call them *Gypsa*, or *Plaster Stones*.

The substance is the same in all; for Selenite, like Spar, is but one thing, one substance; and whether we find it pure in beds of clay, or coating walls, or hanging in Icicles from the roofs of caverns; whether compact as marble, or loose as powder, still the substance is one: it proves the same on the severest trials; and when carefully disunited, and
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viewed

viewed before the microscope, its particles are all plated, watery, and rhombic.

Selenite therefore is one thing ; one substance, in all its variety of forms : and 'tis but idle to divide its different appearances under the affected double terms of Species and Varieties. The laws of Botany cannot be justly extended to Fossils ; because they are not organized bodies, or raised from seeds : in all its forms this is one thing ; and the whole purpose here is to lay down its different appearances, for their disposition in a cabinet.

This Treatise is written for the arrangement of one great Collection ; if it serves others, so much the better ; but that is all its purpose.

We find even Arsenic in Selenites ; nor did I ever see one without iron ; and this, as more or less, causes a variety of forms : but still 'tis the one substance Selenite thus alter'd ; and thrown, by means we know, into these appearances ; and the term Species belongs to none of them : we use it for convenience of distinction ; but must not dispute about its propriety.

ORIGIN of SELENITE.

SELENITE is composed of an Alkaline Earth, saturated with the Acid of Vitriol.

We know this: for we can make something very like it by art this way: 'tis pity we cannot do this exactly. We have its nature in these artificial bodies, but not its form. We can produce a Salt with all the properties of Selenite; and this, among the rest, that when well made, we can't again dissolve it: but I have never succeeded so far as to get this Salt in its Rhombic form: we have it in striated masses, and in clustered flakes; and in the same forms we have also natural Selenite. Art imitates the more imperfect and disturbed crystallizations of nature in this substance; and 'tis as much as we can expect from it; we cannot give the pure and perfect forms of nature.

Selenite will not strike fire with steel; for 'tis so soft, we crush it between the fingers: it will not ferment with acids, for 'tis a neutral Body in its nature; an earth capable of fermenting with them, but already saturated. Some kinds effervesce slightly, but 'tis from a mixture of Spar; for nature makes her saturations accurately. Cronstedt most justly talks of iron in some kinds; I find it, as already said, in all; nor is there any end of the variety of other mixtures.

Selenite falls into powder by a very slight heat : and, as 'tis said, may be dissolved and recrystallized. I hope it is so ; but have not found the way to perfect it in my own trials. This powder hardens with water ; but without heat, or what we call, flaking.

'Tis strange Wallerius should suppose the Selenite Bodies not to break into Rhombs : 'tis constant, and 'tis of their character ; they differ in this from Talcs, whose flakes will never break into any form, tho' they will split for ever. They are simple ; and are the very idea of mathematical extension, breadth without thickness.

S E L E N I T E S.



O R D E R I.

S E L E N I T E.

S E L E N I T E S R H O M B I C U S.

In form of simple or united Rhombs, variously connected.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLEAR SELENITE.							
Perfect clean Rhomb of ten sides	tender	light	polish'd	PELLUCID	clean edged	Oxfordshire, in clay	Natrum Selenites. L. for grottos.
2. WHITE SELENITE.							
Thick, rude Rhomb of ten sides.	hard	light	rugged	MILKY	scaly edged	Northamptonshire, in clay pits	Selenites Albus. W. a medicine for fluxes.
3. YELLOW SELENITE.							
A clean thin Rhomb of ten sides	very soft	heavy	polish'd	PALE YELLOW	shattery	Leicestershire	Selenites Flavus. W. for grottos.
4. MANY COLOUR'D SELENITE.							
A prism of fourteen sides	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITISH BROWN, WITH BLUE AND RUDDY VEINS	crackly, feather'd in the centre	Northamptonshire, in clay	Natrum Flexile. L. curiosity.

5. BASALTINE SELENITE.

A prism of
six sides,
with two
pyramidssoft and
tender

heavy

polished

DUSKY
BROWNfull of
cracks

Norway

curiosity.

Natum
Basaltinum.
P.
Selenite Cuneiforme
de Rome de Lisie.

6. WEDGE SELENITE.

An arrow
head, form'd
of two
wedges

hard

light

glossy

WHITISH

sharp
edged

France

for scagliola.

7. COMPLEX SELENITE.

A flat
plate of
Rhombs and
Wedges

tender

heavy

polished

COLOUR-
LESSvariously
cracked

Greenwich

for grottos.

Selenites
Compositus.

8. GOLDEN SELENITE.

A cluster
of Wedges

soft

heavy

glossy

PALE
YELLOW

shattery

France

for scagliola.

Drusa Gypsea
Flava.

S E L E N I T E S.

O R D E R II.

P L A I S T E R S E L E N I T E.

G Y P S U M.

Composed of numerous small Scales, irregularly laid together.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE PLAISTER STONE.							
A mass of thick scales	crumbly	very heavy	rough and coarse	DULL WHITE	hard particles	Germany	<p>Gypsum Micaceum Cronstedt.</p> <p>stucco work.</p>
2. GREY PLAISTER STONE.							
Masses of small scales	compact	heavy	rugged	SILVERY GREY	tender particles	Norway	<p>Gypsum Micaceum Griseum Cronstedt.</p> <p>stucco work.</p>
3. YELLOW PLAISTER STONE.							
Masses of thick scales	tender	heavy	uneven	YELLOWISH	small, soft particles	France	<p>Gypsum Micaceum Flavum Cronstedt.</p> <p>stucco work.</p>

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
4. RUDDY PLAISTER STONE. Vast masses of small scales	soft	very heavy	rugged	PALE RED	friable	Yorkshire	<small>Gypsum Rubrum.</small> stucco work.
5. GLOSSY PLAISTER STONE. Bright masses of wav'd scales	friable	heavy	uneven	CLEAR	splitting	Germany	<small>Gypsum Pellucidum. W.</small> stucco work.
6. POWDER PLAISTER STONE. White dust	soft	light	granulate	WHITE	dry	Saxony	<small>Terra Gypsea Cronstedt. W.</small> stucco work.

SELENITE S.

ORDER III.

THREADY SELENITE.

GYPSUM STRIATUM.

Composed of long threads, laid one by another.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE THREADY SELENITE. ENGLISH TALC.							Gypsum Siccum. W.
Broad, fibrous masses	compact	very heavy	even	BRIGHT, BUT WHITISH	splits perpendi- cularly	Yorkshire	for cleaning lace and plate.
2. CLEAR THREADY SELENITE. In small masses	tender	heavy	polished	COLOUR- LESS	wavy	Sweden	Gypsum Fibrosum Crassum.
3. GREENISH THREADY SELENITE.							Le Gypse Scissile. W.
Oblong masses	brittle	very heavy	rugged	PALE GREENISH WHITE	flaky	Germany	
4. POLISHED THREADY SELENITE.							Le Gypse Amianthe. W.
Short, small masses	tough	heavy	smooth	PALE OLIVE- COLOUR'D	compact	Norway	
5. YELLOW THREADY SELENITE. Small clusters	tender	light	bright	PALE YELLOW	fissile easily	Sweden	Gypsum Capillare Crassum.

S E L E N I T E S.

O R D E R I V.

R A D I A T E D S E L E N I T E S.

G Y P S U M R A D I A T U M.

Formed into Rays, or Crests, or Ridges.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. STARRY SELENITE. CHE K A O.							
Regular stars	very hard	very heavy	polish'd	PALE BROWN	lucid in the dark after in- solation	In China, and Island of Shepey, on the waxen vein	Gypsum Stellatum. * for china ware.
2. WHITE COCKSCOMB SELENITE. P E T U N S E.							
Crusts on balls of Spar.	very hard	heavy	coarse	WHITE	irregular	Germany	Gypsum Cristatum Cronstedt. * for china ware.
3. RUDDY COCKSCOMB SELENITE.							
Rude lumps	hard	very heavy	smooth	REDDISH	jagged	Sweden	Gypsum Cristatum Rubrum Cronstedt.

4. BONONIAN SELENITE.							Phosphorus <u>Bononiensis.</u> W.
Roundish lumps	hard	very heavy	glossy	PALE BROWN	lucid after calcina- tion	Italy	
5. LIVER SELENITE.							Lapis Hepaticus Crostedt.
Coarse, scaly lumps	very hard	heavy	ridg'd, and uneven	BROWNISH YELLOW	fulphure- ous smell when struck	Sweden	
6. BLACK SELENITE.							Hepaticus Niger Crostedt.
Small plated masses	hard	heavy	granulated	BLACK	very ful- phureous	Sweden	

• These, and the Soap Rock, seem the great ingredients of the China Porcelane: and we have them all.

S E L E N I T E S.

ORDER V.

CURTAIN'D SELENITE.

SELENITES STIRIATA.

Coating the cracks of plaister pits, in form of folded curtains.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
1. WHITE CURTAIN'D SELENITE.							
Vast sheets	hard	heavy	wav'd, and glossy	PURE WHITE	shattery	Italy	Stalactites Gipseus Albus Croasted. as alabaster.
2. YELLOW CURTAIN'D SELENITE.							
Great sheets	hard	heavy	polish'd	BROWNISH YELLOW	shattery	France	Stalactites Gypseus Flavus Croasted. as alabaster.

SELENITES.

ORDER VI.

STALACTICAL SELENITE.

SELENITES STALACTITIUS.

Hanging like Icicles from roofs of hollows.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLEAR STALACTICAL SELENITE.							
Short cones	tender	heavy	rumpled, but glossy	COLOUR- LESS	brittle	Italy	Gypsum Spatosum Stalactium. Cronstedt.
2. YELLOW STALACTICAL SELENITE.							
Long cones	hard	heavy	circled	YELLOWISH	very brittle	Sicily	Gypsum Spatosum Stalactium Flavum Cronstedt.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. WHITE STALACTICAL SELENITE. Rude lumps and risings	tender	heavy	botryoide	WHITE	brittle	Sweden	Gypsum Spatofum Stalactium Album Crostedt.

S E L E N I T E S.

O R D E R VII.

S T O N Y S E L E N I T E S.

S E L E N I T E S L A P I D E Æ.

In hard, solid, shapeless masses.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE STONY SELENITE. WHITE ALABASTER.			uneven	PURE WHITE	uniform in texture	Ægypt	Gypsum Solidum. W.
Thick masses	tender	heavy					for ornaments.
2. BROWN STONY SELENITE.			scaly	PALE BROWN	shattery	Sicily	Alabastrum Opacum Cronstedt.
Rude lumps	hard	heavy					for ornaments.
3. YELLOW STONY SELENITE.			even	DULL YELLOW	shattery	Greece	Alabastrum Flavum Cronstedt.
Flat cakes	hard	very heavy					for ornaments.
4. AMBER STONY SELENITE.			wav'd	AMBER- COLOUR'D	compact	Ægypt and Persia	Alabastrum Flavum Diaphanum Cronstedt.
Great masses	hard	heavy					for ornaments.
5. GREEN STONY SELENITE. NEPHRITIC STONE.			uneven	PALE GREEN, CLOUDED.	greasy	America	Pierre Nephritique. W.
Great masses	hard	heavy					a supposed medi- cine for the gravel.

FROM Selenite we naturally advance to Spar and enter upon one of the most intricate, and varied classes of the mineral kingdom.

Some general reflection ought to introduce a subject so important: and under an instance so commanding, and so explanatory of the rest, it may be proper to cast an eye upon the general course of nature, in the Fossil world.

When we have found the real origin of this pure Stone, we shall be led to that of half the concretes that we are about to examine: and when we have seen how this one substance assumes its various forms and colours, we shall judge easily of the rest. 'Tis not impossible to trace this accurately; nor is any thing required to the undertaking but attention to the neighbouring Fossils where it is found; and to the beds thro' which the level of the country, and construction of its strata will shew it must have run before concretion. This observation, carefully made, will give the Philosophic History of its varied appearances, and lay them regularly down in a true natural method; but first we are to understand its origin; and its place in the great chain of beings.

O F T H E
O R I G I N * of S P A R.

THE Series of Fossils make one great circle ; for ever returning into itself.

There are a few primitive bodies ; Chalk, Clay, Bitumen, Talc, and the Mineral Acid.

These, variously mixed, form many different compound Fossils: which mingling, in some places, farther with one another, give decompositions.

These (in other places) give up their several primitives again to water: which delivers them pure in some other parts ; ready to form mixt and compound bodies again.

To trace them thro' these combinations, and to their natural analysis again, is the whole business of the Student in this science: for here is no distinction but by mixture: no origin from egg, or seed.

A great deal of pure Clay mixed with a little quantity of various Stones, forms the different Clays.

And a great deal of Stone with a little of the Clays, forms the various species of Stones.

* Published separately, July 1772, as a Specimen of a method of Fossils.

An instance of this course of nature appears in the philosophic History of Spar.

1. The primitives, as we have seen, are,

Water, Bitumen, Chalk, Clay, Talc, and Mineral Acid :

To these, the operations of the air, and fire give great powers of acting. We thus find

2. *Heavy Vapours*, form'd of air, and much water. These, pervading all things,

3. Meet the Mineral Acid ¹, and uniting with it ; if they run clear to the surface, afford Medicinal springs ; but

4. Thus united, they may fall upon Bitumen : this is no-where more frequent than in Limestone Rocks ; and often stands in puddles, in their natural hollows ².

5. By this mixture, uniting in its course, is form'd a real, tho' a fluid Sulphur : for Sulphur is nothing else ; nor can be form'd by any other means ³.

6. This Sulphur, not yet concreted, passes in its

¹ The Electric Æther of the under world ; present every where, but only seen concentrated, or in its mixtures. It affects some things, Bitumen most : and avoids others.

² At Naples ; in the Venetian Territories ; and in Persia, this is very common.

³ Absolute Sulphur may be made by art with ease and certainty this way. The Acid of Vitriol, with any thing inflammable, affords it,

liquid,

liquid form, thro' the pores of the Limestone ; dissolving part of its purer Chalk as it goes ⁴.

7. Water thus saturated with the principles of Sulphur, and with Chalk, keeps on its gradual course horizontally thro' the same Lime Rock, till it meets a fissure ; a perpendicular crack, or opening ; dividing one part of the rock from another. Here it ouzes forth : and meeting with a lighter air, hangs ; and evaporates slowly.

8. Slow evaporation, and perfect rest, are the requisites of crystalization. The Sulphur and pure Chalk thus united, form one solid body ; which crystalizing gradually, appears in regular rhomboidal particles : and is the substance we call Spar ⁵.

⁴ Limestone is only coloured, hardened Chalk ; and Marble is the same. Marble is a purer Limestone, and Limestone a coarser Marble.

⁵ Spar supposed to be one thing, is therefore a mix'd body, and so are the purest Salts. We can make a substance of the nature of Spar, by crystalizing the lixivium of Lime and Sulphur.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS III.

SPAR.

SPATUM.

A pure Fossil ; composed of Brittle Rhombs.

SPAR is known from Talc by its want of elasticity ;

—from Selenite by its want of flexibility ;

—from Crystal by its dullness, and by fermenting with Acids.

It is heavier than any of the three other pellucid Fossils ; and is known from all bodies in the world (when pure enough to be seen through) by its doubling lines laid under ; and view'd through it.

This last property has been supposed peculiar to that species of Spar call'd Island Crystal : and the greatest writers, Linnæus, Wallerius, Cronstedt, and the long *et cætera*, have separated that body from the pure Rhombic Spar ; which they supposed not to have the double refraction. But this power resides in all Spar I have examined : and is of its nature : as it arises from the internal construction of the body, which is made up of smaller Rhombs, apply'd one to another.

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The very atoms of Spar are Rhombic ; and those smallest pieces into which it may be separated by gentle Acids, without solution, apply'd to the microscope over a line proportionably fine, have the same power.

No body has this construction except Spar ; therefore no other natural or artificial substance has this power of double refraction. Even Sir Isaac Newton has said, Crystal has something of this power ; in vain : for no authority can stand against the testimony of the senses. All different mediums vary in refraction ; but this peculiar power resides only in a pellucid body formed of connected Rhombs.

The state of refraction in the pellucid natural bodies is this,

1. Talc in thick masses elevates the line.
2. Selenite waves it.
3. Crystal distorts it.
4. Spar gives it double.

All Spar does this, even that which takes the form of Crystal, in Pyramids, and Columns : therefore even the variously angulated forms of Spar are composed of Rhombs ; and the construction of Spar, and of Crystal, are perfectly different, even while their forms are the same.

Spar is seldom found original, and free : a few pure Rhombs ;

Rhombs ; and two Columns, double pointed, which were dug in the Hartz Forest ; are all I have of it.

Nature has mixed its particles among the matter of the Marbles and Limestones ; from whence it is waithed forth by the pervading water, and left slowly by it, in their cracks and fissures ; where it assumes these various forms :

1. Pure Rhombs of a larger size.
2. Rude masses, form'd of coarse connected Rhombs.
3. Plates composed of connected Rhombs.
4. Columnar, Pyramidal, and Cubic Figures fix'd upon the surface of these rude masses

In this latter case the rude mass continues uncolour'd and is the Root ; and the Columnar or Pyramidal Figures rise from it frequently yellow, often of other colours : these cut into a kind of Gems, but still have the double refraction equally with that part we call the Root.

5. Icicles and Dropstones.

That the Spar form'd in fissures of rocks, is thus wash'd out of the Limestone itself is certain :

Because none but Limestone Rocks have Spar in their fissures ; Rocks of a crystalline matter, or form'd of vitrifiable Stone, have Crystal ; never Spar in their cracks.

Linnæus wonders at the nature of that force which split the Rocks into these cracks : but probably the cause is very familiar ; they were formed moist, and crack'd in drying.

Spar grows continually ; for wheresoever there is a crack in a Limestone Rock, new, or old ; Spar always fills it ; and over-runs the surface.

Letters cut hollow in a living Rock of Limestone, fill up, in a course of years, with Spar ; and what were made in Creux are found in Relief. This has been seen in Gothland by the eminent Swede ; and in the grotto of Antiparos by Tournefort. The very time may be determined by the dates, which are often a part of the inscription ; but it is always long. The Spar stands higher as the time is more distant : and has been seen in some places a quarter of an inch above the level of the surface.

If there could want a proof of the continual growth of Spar, the Stalactites would shew it ; and the incrustations, in what are called our petrifying springs ; but that is a fouler sort : there is in Norway a pyramid of Spar two inches long, which was once mine ; in which two branches of the solid Heath moss, or Lichen, are perfectly embodied.

It has been thought the Spar in cracks of Rocks was brought from elsewhere by water ; or was and is originally in all water : the latter is the opinion of Linnæus ;

Linnæus ; Henkell maintains the former. But if either were the case, Spar would be sometimes found in Vitrescent Rocks, and Crystal in those of Limestone ; which observation denies.

Spar they say will be formed where water can be retain'd ; but indeed also where it cannot ; 'tis enough that it ouzes slowly : nay, not water alone dissolves Spar ; but it can be retain'd in vapour. I have from Cornwall incrustations of true Stalactite, form'd in the pipes of fire engines in the mines, at heights to which the water never ascends, by many feet ; but only vapour.

Mundick is also thus a creature of the air, in many places. I have trigonal pyramids of Spar, which hung from the top of the Bauman's Cave, in the Hartz, covered with Cubic Mundick ; there is none in the Spar itself ; and from the particular circumstances of the specimen, water could not have lodg'd upon it only vapour.

Spar is one thing, of one weight, one hardness, and when pure can never be mistaken for any other Fossil. It is liable to have other bodies mixt with it ; and to be altered in its condition by that mixture ; but 'tis itself the same. Wallerius distinguishes three degrees of hardness in this Fossil ; but they are owing to those mixtures ; the least hard is the true condition of Spar ; the other degrees arise from iron, or other additions.

It is the opinion of Linnæus, that Spar owes its angulated form to Sea Salt; and the Crystals to other Salts: but there is no warrant in nature for this judgement. Salts are acrid, and dissolve in water. These Fossils have neither of those qualities: and who shall tell us that the property of forming itself into regularly angulated Figures is peculiar to Salts? We have no authority to believe it is wanting in Crystal, and Spar; and we have the evidence of our senses that they have it.

The ingenious and ingenuous Croustedt well observes, these Figures ought not to be ascribed to Salts, till the presence of such Salts can be prov'd in them.

The calcarious nature of Spar is of its essence; and no form, nor all the other characters in the world, could constitute a thing a Spar, that wanted this. They all ferment with Acids, and they burn to Lime: nor is this latter quality equivocal, as some would think, because by the fire of a great burning glass, Spar vitrifies. This is not the fire, when we speak of Lime; and it can be a test of nothing; because all things vitrify before it: that is the extream force of fire: and the ultimate effect of fire on all bodies is vitrification.

Linnæus says, the Spar he calls Natro-spatosum, scarce does effervesce with Acids: and it may be added, that the particles of that Spar are scarcely at all Rhombic: Spar and Crystal are mixt in those bodies;

and they have mixt qualities ; but still as there is some Spar, there is some Effervescence.

'Tis vain to give the forms of Spar to Natrum; for we not only find no Natrum there, but different Spars have forms of different Salts ; and the great patron of the Salt System allows, that some of them affect the various angulated Figures of Alum, Sea Salt, Vitriol, and the rest. 'Tis true, they resemble those forms ; but they have not those forms exactly : nor is either of these, or any other Salt whatever, to be found existing in any of them.

But whither will not the wind of Theory blow even the steadiest judgements : the foremost of the writers, who favour this System, because there are in Spars certain forms that do not agree with those of any known Salt, fancies for the formation of these that there exist Salts, not otherwise known to us, but by this operation. When Theory can reach this height, it may do what it pleases : to create Causes, because we see Effects that seem to us to require them, is to make all things easy ; and at the cheapest rate.

If we can ever bring Spar, after solution, to recrystallize, as Salt ; we shall see all things explained in this particular. 'Tis what I have try'd four years, with poor success ; and I have now requested the ablest chymist that we have, to join with me in the attempt. What may arise under his experienced hand, I know not : all I have found is, that the swifter the fluid is evaporated,

porated, the coarser is the matter left behind ; and the more length of time is given, the nearer it approaches to a promise of Crystals.

I think when this shall be accomplish'd, we shall find all Spar to be but one thing ; differing only according to the other matters mixed with it. 'Tis said, the Selenite powder'd and mixt in water, affords Crystals ; and Kahler gives the authority of an eminent metallurgist for it : with me neither has this succeeded yet : but I have no despair ; and tho' it never should succeed with me, it may with others : when that is seen, the other, more important as it is, need not be supposed impossible.

Nothing is more familiar than the production of what it is the custom to call, Selenitical Salts ; Urine affords them ; and some preparations of Sulphur ; but to recrystallize Selenite is, to produce, from a clear fluid, pellucid dodecahedral Rhombs, flexile, not elastic, and not soluble again in water : and he who shall effect this, need not despair of recrystallizing also Spar.

The Salts in Urine that has stood long come nearer the nature of Fossils than any thing we know ; and Tartar, form'd from Wine, is very difficult of solution : yet both these may be melted in pure water. The Salt produced by slow crystalization from a Lixivium of Lime and Sulphur, comes nearest of all to Spar ; but still it is but an approach ; and not a sameness ;

ness : as he who is well acquainted with all the qualities of the vitriolated Tartar will perceive : nor do I conceive Henkel's receipt, form'd on the same foundation, would go any farther : but till men speak plain, 'tis vain to war against their buried meaning.

In fine the formation of Spar is yet a subject of enquiry : its atoms are all Spar ; each particle into which we can without violence divide it, is the same in all respects as the whole : and as the Fossil world admits no generation, or birth, by egg, or seed, it seems most probable that all the variety of forms in which we see this Protean Mineral, are owing to no cause beside the arrangement of Rhombs into as many forms as they are capable of producing. It fills the cracks of its own rocks : and of no other : for Crystal Columns rise from crystalline Rocks ; and from Metallic Masses, fractur'd, grow Pyritæ ; each separated from the great mixt body we see split ; and each form'd into Figures by its own laws, without the intervention of Salt, or other matter.

We find hollow Crystals, and we have hollow Pyramids of Spar ; but 'tis a rash thought, tho' of a great man, to imagine that a Crystal of Salt was first form'd in these cases ; and when the stony coat was finished over, it melted away again : this is imagination : but there is not a hollow Stalactite that may not shew the senses, and convince the reason, that this shell of Spar, or Crystal, may be form'd without a solid nucleus.

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There are no entire Rocks of Spar; and they who thought they had seen such of Crystal, perhaps mistook pure Ice for them. Both Spar and Crystal rise in general from foul Stones; and they who thought Ice grew to them in time, were scarce more pardonable than such as took Ice for them. Scheukzer has seen the difficulty of accounting for their forms, and joined the lamentation of Philosophers upon that subject; for the Salt System was not then in being: but the old Pliny has not only lamented this difficulty, but assigned its cause; and this a cause to overthrow that system utterly: it is, that tho' the Figures be all regular, they are not all alike; or all resolvable into the same laws.

'Tis an invidious office, and unpleasing, to dwell upon the errors of those who wrote before; but these are so receiv'd, and so establish'd, that there is no other way to truth.

Wallerius says, that Spar is composed of Rhombic and Pyramidal particles: and therefore breaks into both these forms. It is unwillingly I dissent in a few particulars, from an author with whom reason and observation command me to agree in a great many: but this is a doctrine which strikes at the root of all accurate knowledge in respect of this body.

By this account Spar would be two things, not one: its atoms would have two Figures; and we should lose the great distinction by which it is kept
separate

separate from all other bodies. I have examined this point with all possible attention ; and find the pyramidal Figures of Spar, whether in greater or smaller pieces, to be a secondary form ; composed always of Rhombs : but the Rhombic Figure never to have any form in its constituent parts beside its own. The Pyramids, great or small, separate into Rhombs ; the Rhombs never into Pyramids. The true way of dividing Spar is, by an Acid, carefully manag'd ; for the parts are always separated, before they are dissolved.

It is a singular and a just observation of the same author, that no pentagonal Spar has ever been found ; tho' angles in most other numbers are frequent ; but this is not to be attributed with him, to an imaginary Salt, Alcaline, and Muriatic ; it rests upon a much more solid base : which is, that the particular Figure of the Rhombs of Spar, admit the constructing any other angulated form, only not pentagonal.

It has been said, that Island Crystal shines in the dark after it has been calcin'd in manner of the Bolonian Stone ; but this is not particular to that Species : it is the quality of all Spar, as Spar ; only there requires great nicety in the calcination : perhaps Selenite also has this power. Linnæus refers the Bolonian Stone to Spars : to me it has appear'd rather a Selenite ; and of all bodies in nature, most of kin to that species of Selenite we call the Star, upon the waxen vein. I have therefore retain'd it in that place, till more of this scarce Fossil comes in my way for trial : if
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it prove Spar, 'tis easily removed into that Class; and thus, and only thus, we can arrive at truth; after a thousand errors.

That the Hog Spar affords Flowers on sublimation, has been urged as a great proof of its containing Salts of some kind or other; known or unknown: but surely this property is more naturally resolved into another source. All Bitumens yield flowers on sublimation; and we have the testimony of our senses to the presence of a Bitumen in the Lapis Suillus: it stinks of it. Nay more, there is a smell of Sulphur in all Spar, when calcined: Henkel and Wallerius, as well as I, have found it; and if we could give way to any thought of secondary forms, in a Fossil whose construction appears perfectly homogeneous, and simple, my sense of it would be, not to seek them in imaginary Salts, but real Sulphur.

We see the way art imitates it best, is by the Crystals of a liquor in which Lime and Sulphur have been boil'd. Sulphur is thus disclosed on the calcining of Spar; and for the other ingredient, Lime, we cannot be at a loss; since it has been observed, no Spar is ever produced in cracks of any rocks, except those of Limestone: nay, and what may strengthen this opinion, the Lime of Spar is weaker than that of Limestone, which, a little Sulphur may cause. All this, is but conjecture; and is delivered as such, and no other; but yet it rests on the testimonies of the senses; not on the flights of the imagination: and it is by conjecture,

ture, in these dark and difficult researches, we must arrive at truth.

I claim no better authority for many of the particular observations here, than for this general one ; they are indeed all founded on examination, and experiments, now made on the occasion ; but they are examinations and experiments made only on the bodies in my own scanty store : I invite, I solicit, and entreat with my best earnestness, others to repeat them on their own. If they answer as in mine, the doctrines are establish'd ; if they differ, there is no one in the world to whom that truth will be more welcome than to myself. To equivocate about an error, is pitiful ; to attempt to justify it, is disingenuous : no man should be ashamed of setting right his own mistakes (especially in matters where mistakes are unavoidable) whether by his own or others observation. With how many hundred errors did the *Species Plantarum* make its first appearance ; how many of them have been rectify'd ; and how many yet remain to be set right ? Yet no one ever blamed Linnæus for his first conjectures ; nor has the world seen any other book of Science of equal value.

Such errors are the children of imperfect information ; and must be found in all who attempt to write for general utility.

Let others therefore freely repeat these my experiments, and add more of their own ; and with

an honest freedom tell the result of all. My single attention can only make a few experiments, where true knowledge demands a thousand : but the result of different trials will bring forth truth.

It never was more needed in Philosophy than in the part before us ; for with all the plausibility of system, we cannot but perceive upon this free and fair enquiry, that the Student in Fossils has yet to work upon a chaos : and that the paths into a better light, are stop'd and clos'd up utterly : not by ignorance ; but what is much worse, by authenticated error ; authenticated even by greatest names. We must unwind this Charm, if ever we hope to gain the right clue to lead us thro' the labyrinth of nature : we must break the fated Talisman ; and all the seemingly impregnable structures will vanish : the ground will be clear before us ; and if we lose ourselves in the open way, 'tis easy to be set right again.

SPAR form'd by nature, as above related, may either concrete in its pure state as soon as made ; or it may pass while yet fluid, thro' various strata of Earthy, Saline, Mineral, and other matter, and receive great changes both in form and colour from them : it may appear to us therefore, according to these circumstances, either

in its own pure state of a colourless Rhomb ;

or foul'd by earths ; or ting'd by metals ;

or plated, by an admixture of Talc ;

or render'd cubic by the natrane Marle ; and those

cubes stain'd to a mimickry of Gems by metals ;

or it may be shap'd into Polygons by an aluminous earth ;

or thrown into Pyramids, with or without Columns, by the Salts of Mineral Waters :

Or from the mere nature of its concretion, it may appear as curtains spread upon a wall ;

as Icicles hanging from a roof ;

or Globules drop'd upon the floor ;

or as a coat upon mosses, or shells, or various other matters.

According to these accidents it may be thrown into a kind of method, under the terms Genus and Species, to great advantage. The obvious Characters giving an artificial method ; and the consideration of their Origin a natural one.

S P A R.

O R D E R I.

Retaining its natural Figure.

G E N U S I.

P U R E S P A R.

R H O M B I T E S.

Spar in form of Rhombs.

This is either pure as it concretes alone ; or variously stain'd and colour'd by admixtures.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E .
1. SOFT SPAR.							
Small Rhombs	tender	very heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS.	soft	Hartz forest	Reichert's Polariscope, No. 1. a delicate, but weak lime.
2. ICELAND SPAR.							
Large Rhombs	friable	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS.	smooth	Iceland, Switzer- land, &c.	Spatum Speculare Duplicans. L. double refraction.
3. MILKY SPAR.							
Irregular Rhombs	brittle	very heavy	dull	MILKY WHITE	rugged	Derbyshire	Spatum Compactum. L. lime.
4. TOPAZ SPAR.							
Connected Rhombs	hard	very heavy	crystalline	PALE YELLOW	fatty	Germany	Spatum Speculare Flavescent. L. false gem.

5. GARNET SPAR.							Spatum Rubrum Compactum. L.
Confus'd Rhomb	soft	heavy	dull	STRONG RED.	uneven	Yorkshire	
6. EMERALD SPAR.							Spatum Speculare Virescens.
Small Rhomb	hard	heavy	bright	GREEN	soft to the touch	Germany	false gem.
7. SAPPHIRE SPAR.							Spatum Speculare Cærulescens. L.
United Rhomb	very hard	heavy	perfectly polished	PALE BLUE	dry	Germany	false gem.
8. OPALINE SPAR.							Rhombites Opalina. N.
Connected Rhomb	brittle	very heavy	clouded	CHANGE- ABLE GREY	soft	Brazils	false gem.
9. YELLOW RHOMBIC SPAR.							Spatum Compactum Flavescens. L.
Rude masses breaking in Rhomb.	friable	heavy	scaly	DULL YELLOW	glimmer- ing.	Norway, England	lime.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
10. BLUE GREEN RHOMBIC SPAR.							
Rough Lumps	shattery	light	cracky	POOR GREEN	wavy	Germany	<i>Spatum Compactum Virescens. L.</i> lime.
11. ORANGE SPAR.							
Large Rhomb	shattery	heavy	crackled	ORANGE COLOUR	streaky	Germany	<i>Rhombites Aurantiaca. N.</i>
12. BROWN RHOMBIC SPAR.							
Great rude Lumps	shattery	heavy	irregular, flaky	LIGHT BROWN	harsh	England	<i>Alumen Quartzosum. L.</i> lime.
13. BLACK RHOMBIC SPAR.							
Small con- nected Rhomb	very hard	very heavy	scaly	BLACKISH	hard	Cornwall	<i>Le Spath Cubique Noiratre. W.</i> a tin ore

S P A R.

O R D E R II.

Affecting the Figure of Talc.

G E N U S I.

P L A T E D S P A R.

P A R O P S I S.

Spar formed into broad, flat Flakes.

Spar assumes this Figure after passing thro' beds of Talc.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLEAR FLAKY SPAR.							
Irregular, large flakes	brittle	light	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	unequal	Norway	for windows. Spatum Fissile. L.
2. WHITE FLAKY SPAR.							
Uneven cakes	very brittle	heavy	rough	MILKY	harsh	Sweden	lime. Spatum Aqueum Hartenf. W.
3. WAVY SPAR.							
Flat cakes	brittle	light	undulated	GREY	fatty	Denmark	lime. Spatum Undatum. L.

S P A R.

O R D E R III.

Affecting the Figures of the Crystals.

F L U O R E S.

G E N U S I.

T W O - P O I N T E D S P A R.

F L U O R B I C U S P I D A T U S.

Composed of two hexagonal Pyramids, with an intermediate hexagonal Column.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. SALBERG SPAR.							
Small	soft	very heavy	polish'd	COLOUR- LESS	bitumi- nous	the Salberg hills in Asbestos	Fluor Bicuspidatus Diaphanus. W. curiosity.
2. TAWNY SPAR.							
Large	hard	heavy	uneven	YELLOWISH	bitumi- nous	the Swedish iron mines	Fluor Bicuspidatus Martialis. curiosity.

S P A R.

O R D E R III.

G E N U S II.

C O N N E C T E D S P A R.

F L U O R C O N N E X U S.

Composed of two trigonal Pyramids, without any intermediate Columns.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
I. DIAMOND SPAR.							
Small	hard	very heavy	polish'd	PERFECTLY CLEAR	smooth	Ramel- berg	Dent des Cochons à deux Pointes. W. curiosity.

S P A R.

O R D E R III.

G E N U S III.

C O L U M N A R S P A R.

F L U O R C O L U M N A R I S.

Composed of a Column, terminated by a Pyramid.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. HEXAGONAL SPAR.							
Long sprigs	tender	heavy	glossy	WHITISH	flaky	Derbyshire	Spatum Crytallifatum Hexangulare. W. curiosity.
2. TETRAGONAL SPAR.							
Thick sprigs	hard	very heavy	flaky	YELLOWISH	rough	Yorkshire, lead mines	Fluor Columnaris Tetragonus. N. lime.
3. TRIGONAL SPAR.							
Short sprigs	soft	heavy	scaly	RUDDY	uneven	forest of Dean	Fluor Columnaris Trigonus. an iron ore.

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O R D E R III.

G E N U S IV.

P R I S M A T I C S P A R.

F L U O R P R I S M A T I C U S.

In form of an angulated Column, without a Pyramid.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. SIX-SIDED SPAR.							Spatum Prismaticum Hexangulare. W.
Coarse shoots	tender	heavy	rugged	BROWNISH	friable	Lancashire	lime.
2. ABRUPT SPAR.							• Spatum Prismaticum Truncatum. W.
Amass of short pieces.	hard	very heavy	smooth	RUDDY	confus'd together	Sweden	lime.
3. MANY-SIDED SPAR.							Spatum Crystallinum Tetradecahedrum. W.
Short sprigs of fourteen fides	very hard	heavy	glossy	YELLOWISH	uneven	Derbyshire, lead mines	lime.

• Wallerius saw this six sided : all my pieces are very ill determin'd in this article, breaking ill from the mass.

S P A R.

O R D E R III.

G E N U S V.

P Y R A M I D A L S P A R.

FLUOR PYRAMIDALIS.

In form of Pyramids, without any Column *.

- These are usually found in great clusters in the cliffs of Rocks of Limestone.

F O R M.	H A R D N E S S.	W E I G H T.	S U R F A C E.	C O L O U R.	Q U A L I T I E S.	P L A C E.	U S E S.
I	1. POLYGONAL SPAR *.						Fluor Pyramidalis Polygonus.
	A broad base and fourteen sides	hard	heavy	polish'd	YELLOWISH	in great clusters	Cornwall a flux for ores.
	2. ELEVEN EDG'D SPAR.						Spatum Pyramidale Endeca-hedrum. W.
II	Short	tender	very heavy	glossy	RUDDY	cluster'd	iron mines in the Hartz an iron ore.
	3. EIGHT SIDED SPAR.						Spatum Pyramidale Octa-hedrum. W.
Irregular masses	very hard	heavy	polish'd in some parts	YELLOWISH	clustery	lead mines, Derbyshire	lime.

* This seems the other half of the preceding Species, but always separate.

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O R D E R III.

G E N U S VI.

O B L I Q U E S P A R.

S U I L L U S.

In form of cluster'd Prisms, cut off obliquely at the top.

M	FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
	1. BROWN OBLIQUE SPAR.							Lapis Suillus Prismaticus. W.
	Uneven clusters	tender	heavy	polished	DARK BROWN	stinking when rub'd	Germany, and Norway	a flux for ores.
	2. RADIATED OBLIQUE SPAR.							Lapis Suillus Radiatus. W.
	Uneven masses	soft	heavy	unequal	GREY	very stinking	Denmark	curiosity.
	3. GLOBULAR OBLIQUE SPAR.							Lapis Suillus Sphericus. W.
	Rounded masses	hard	heavy	botryoide	BRIGHT BROWN	sulphure- ous when struck	Norway	lime.

The Colour, as well as scent of these Spars, goes off in the fire : they require but a slight heat to render them as white and sweet as the other Spars : nor is it wonderful that sulphur should predominate so much in one kind, more than others. But 'tis singular, that the form of these Species is their own, and is indeed a certain Generic character ; and that the abundant sulphur always attends it.

S P A R.



O R D E R ' IV.

C U B I C.

D R U S Æ.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLEAR CUBIC SPAR.							
In great complex clusters	soft	heavy	polished	COLOUR- LESS	multitudes mix'd together rudely	Derbyshire	Spatum Crystalizatum Cubicum. W. lime.
2. BROWN CUBIC SPAR.							
In thick clusters	hard	heavy	smooth	YELLOWISH BROWN	confus'd in clusters	Cornwall	Drusa Fusca. a flux for ores.
3. PURE WHITE CUBIC SPAR.							
Small and distinct	soft	very heavy	glossy	PERFECTLY WHITE	loose and free	Gloucestershire, in iron mines	Drusa Lactea. curiosity.
4. GREY CUBIC SPAR.							
Small clusters	hard	heavy	scaly	GREY	connected, but not confus'd	Germany, in iron rocks	Drusa Grisea. a flux.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	C O L O U R.	QUALITIES.	P L A C E.	U S E S.
5. TAWNY CUBIC SPAR.							
In great con- fus'd masses	brittle	very heavy	rugged	YELLOWISH BROWN.	confus'd clusters	Forest of Dean	<i>Druse Fulva.</i> a flux.
6. PURPLE CUBIC SPAR.							
Small, and single	very hard	heavy	polish'd	AMETHY- STINE	distinct and perfect	Norway	<i>Druse Amethystina.</i> curiosity.
7. RED CUBIC SPAR.							
Separate cubes	hard	very heavy	glossy	FINE RED	pure and free	Spain	<i>Druse Rubescens.</i> a gem.
8. BLUE CUBIC SPAR.							
Loose clusters	tender	very heavy	polish'd	BRIGHT BLUE	connect- ed, not	North America, in copper	<i>Druse Cerulea.</i> a false gem.

9. DEEP - GREEN CUBIC SPAR.								Drusa Viridis.
Small clusters	soft	heavy	scaly	DEEP GREEN	small masses	Sweden	a flux.	
10. PURPLE CUBIC SPAR.								Drusa Violacea.
Distinct	soft	heavy	flaky	DEEP PURPLE	single	Germany	a flux.	
11. AQUA MARINE CUBIC SPAR.								Drusa Caruleo Virens.
Small clusters	tender	heavy	glossy	BLUE GREEN	distinct, tho' con- nected	Hartzforest	a flux for ores.	
12. EMERALD CUBIC SPAR.								Drusa Smaragdina.
Large clusters	hard	very heavy	polished	PERFECT FINE GREEN	connected	Norberg	a flux for metals.	

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
13. LEMON CUBIC SPAR.							
Vast masses	very soft	heavy	scaly	PALE, BUT DEAD YELLOW	confused	the Hartz	Drusa Pallenscens. a flux for ores.
14. VIOLET CUBIC SPAR.							
Distinct, and small	hard	heavy	polished	VIOLET COLOUR'D	scarce connected	Gilsoff	Drusa Violacea. a false gem.
15. BLACK CUBIC SPAR.							
In large clusters	very hard	very heavy	glossy	BLACK	connect- ed, not confused	France, where there is TIN	Drusa Nigra. curiosity.
16. DEEP-GREY CUBIC SPAR.							
Small clusters	soft	heavy	polished	DEEP GREY	confused	Cornwall	Drusa Griseofusca. a flux.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
17. BLUE-GREY CUBIC SPAR.							
Small clusters	hard	very heavy	glossy, but flaky	BLUE GREY	connected	Sandfwaer, in Norway	Drufa. Subcærulea. a flux.
18. GARNET CUBIC SPAR.							
Loose and free	soft	heavy	polished	FINE RED	scarce connected	Alface	Drufa. Rufa. a false gem.
19. RUBY CUBIC SPAR.							
Small clusters	hard	very heavy	glossy	BRIGHT RED	almost free	Schemnitz	Drufa. Rubea. a false gem.

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O R D E R V.

A N D R O D A M A N D E S P A R.

A N D R O D A M A S.

Oblong, and affecting the parallelloiped Figure.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE ANDRODAMANDE.							
In large masses	very soft	heavy	polish'd	CHALKY	brittle	Sneeberg	Androdaman Alba. lime.
2. YELLOW ANDRODAMANDE.							
Vast masses	tender	heavy	flaky	DULL YELLOW	shattery	America	Spatum Pellucidum Flavescens. W. lime.
3. TAWNY ANDRODAMANDE.							
Great masses	soft	very heavy	glossy	BROWNISH YELLOW	brittle	Anderasberg, in Germany	Spatum Pellucidum Croceum. W. a good flux.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE	COLOUR.	QUANTITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
4. BLACK ANDRODAMANDE.							
Small clusters	hard	very heavy	glossy	DEEP BLACK	brittle	Gosselaer, in Saxony	<p>Spatum Pellucidum Nigrum. W.</p> <p>a tin ore.</p>
5. GREEN ANDRODAMANDE.							
Small clusters	soft	heavy	polished	FINE GREEN	brittle	Switzerland	<p>Androdamas Smaragdinus Scheuchz.</p> <p>a false gem.</p>
6. MARBLED ANDRODAMANDE.							
Great masses	hard	very heavy	veiny	YELLOW, VEIN'D WITH RED AND BROWN	brittle	Switzerland	<p>Spatum Pellucidum Venosum. W.</p> <p>lime.</p>

S P A R.

O R D E R VI.

I R R E G U L A R S P A R S.

S P A T U M E F F L O R E S C E N S.

Uncertain in its Angles, but throwing itself into complex elegant Forms.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. ROSE SPAR. Large rose-like masses	tender	heavy	flaky	DEAD WHITE	hollow	Sweden, in lead mines	Spath Crystallisee en Rose. W. a flux.
2. HEDGE HOG SPAR. Small masses	hard	light	unequal	GREYISH	convex	Italy	Spati Echinorum Imperati. curiosity.
3. LAMELLATE SPAR. In vast flattened masses	hard	heavy	gill'd like mush- rooms	WHITE	lightly convex	Germany	Spatum Plexum Tetradecahædram. W. lime.
4. BROKEN SPAR. Great lumps	very hard	heavy	smooth	BROWNISH	form'd of half octagons	Sweden	Spatum Dimidiatum. W. a flux.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. DECUMBENT GRAPE SPAR.							
Large clusters	soft	heavy	glossy, but rising in lumps	PALE BROWN	brittle	Sax Weissenfels, in Norway	lime. Spatum Botryiticum. W.
6. CYLINDRIC SPAR.							
Great masses	soft	very heavy	glossy	PALE YELLOWISH	brittle	Bispberg, in Sweden	lime. Spatum Crystallifatum Cylindricum. W.
7. GLOBULAR SPAR.							
Round lumps	hard	heavy	smooth	BROWNISH	firm	Hartz forest	lime. Spatum Crystallifum Globosum. W.

S P A R.

O R D E R VII.

D E B A S E D S P A R.

S P A T H U R A.

Alter'd in its aspect and qualities by a mixture of other matters.

G E N U S I.

S A N D S P A R.

S P A T H U R A A R E N A C E A.

Granulated irregularly, and having an aspect of lumps of Sand.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE SAND SPAR.							
Rude masses	brittle	heavy	uneven, and irregular	GREYISH WHITE	composed of various siz'd particles	Twyebrook, in Sweden	<p>Spatum Arenaceum Album. W.</p> <p>a flux.</p>
2. YELLOW SAND SPAR.							
Small clumps	shattery	heavy	uneven	BROWNISH, YELLOW, AND GREY	confused, and coarse	Germany	<p>Spatum Arenaceum Cinereum. W.</p> <p>a flux.</p>
3. RUDDY SAND SPAR.							
Rough lumps	very hard	very heavy	uneven, and rough	DEEP RED	irregularly mixed	Forest of Dean	<p>Spatum Arenaceum Rubrum. W.</p> <p>a flux.</p>

S P A R.

O R D E R VI.

G E N U S II.

G L A S S S P A R.

S P A T H U R A V I T R E A.

Glassy, firm, solid, and shapeless.

S P A R.

ORDER VI.

GENUS III.

PYRITIC SPAR.

SPATHURA PYRIMICHA.

Irregular, botryoide, and striated.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. RUDDY PYRITIC SPAR.							Spatum Pyrimachum Rubrum. W.
Oblong lumps	brittle	very heavy	raised in bumps	RUDDY BROWN	fulphure- ous, when broken	Forest of Dean	curiosity.

All the debased Spars have more or less of various mixtures in them, and therefore manifest their characters as Spar, less freely; but there is always more or less of the calcarious quality in them; and when broken, if not while whole, they shew somewhat of the cubic form in their particles.

S P A R.

O R D E R VII.

C U R T A I N ' D S P A R.

S T I R I A.

Hanging over the walls of caverns in form of folded curtains.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE CURTAIN'D SPAR.							
Vast sheets	brittle	heavy	polished, and glittering	COLOUR- LESS	flaky, when broken	Grotto of Antiparos	Stiria Decolor. for slabs and or- naments.
2. YELLOW CURTAIN'D SPAR. ORIENTAL ALABASTER.							
Wav'd sheets	tender	heavy	polished, and undulated	PALE YELLOW, VARIOUSLY VEIN'D	breaks in streaky flakes	Ægypt ; also Cornwall	Stiria Flavescens. for ornaments.

3. PURPLE CURTAIN'D SPAR.
ROOT OF AMETHYST.

Stiria
Amethystina.

4
Thick coats

hard

heavy

uneven,
but
glossy

GREY,
BLOTCH'D
WITH PUR-
PLE, OR
OTHER
COLOURS

breaks
unevenly,
and
crackly

Derbyshire

for ornaments.

4. WATER SPAR.

In crusts in
tea-kettles

brittle

light

uneven,
and
rough

DIRTY
GREY

striated

every where

none.

Stiria
Fulca.

5. AERIAL SPAR.

Fine coats

hard

heavy

smooth,
and
even

BROWNISH
YELLOW

striated,
when
broken

in the pipes
of fire en-
gines in the
Cornish
mines where
only vapour

comes

curiosity.

Stiria
Aeria.

S P A R.



O R D E R VIII.

S T A L A C T I T I C A L S P A R.

S T A L A C T I T E S.

In form of Icicles hanging from the roofs of caverns.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE STALACTITE.							
Long cones	brittle	heavy	uneven, but polished	WHITISH	flaky, when broken	roofs of ca- verns, Anti- paros, and Derbyshire	Stalactites Albus. an ornament for grottos.
2. GREY STALACTITE.							
Thick cones	hard	heavy	rumpled, and uneven	GREYISH	shattery	limestone caverns, Derbyshire	Stalactites Griseus, W. for grotto work.
3. CHALKY STALACTITE.							
Coarse cones	soft	light	wav'd, and rumpled	PURE WHITE	dusty, when broken	vaults and arches, Windsor, &c.	Stalactites Cretaceus. for grottos.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
4. RED STALACTITE.							
Short cones	brittle	very heavy	wav'd	RED	irregular, when broken	Derbyshire	Stalactites Ruber. W. none.
5. BLACK STALACTITE.							
Slender cones	very hard	heavy	rumpled	DEEP BLACK	flaky, when broken	Grapenberg, in Sweden	Stalactites Niger. W. for grottos.
6. FOLIACEOUS STALACTITE.							
Thick cones	soft	heavy	uneven, and as it were leafy	YELLOWISH	thin flakes, broken	Hartz forest	Stalactites Feuillette. W. for grottos.

S P A R.

O R D E R IX.

STALAGMITIC SPAR.

STALAGMITES.

Form'd into globular Figures, coated as an Onion.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	W E I G H T.	S U R F A C E.	C O L O U R.	Q U A L I T Y S.	P L A C E.	U S E S.
1. SUGAR-PLUM STALAGMITE.							
Small, round lumps	soft	heavy	scaly	PURE WHITE	thin coated	Italy	Stalagnites Orobias. W. curiosity.
2. GREY STALAGMITE.							
Round lumps	hard	heavy	bubbled	BROWNISH GREY	thick coated	Sweden	Pisolithus. W. lime.
3. OVAL STALAGMITE.							
Small, oval lumps	tender	heavy	smooth	YELLOWISH	crackly	Zweybreck, in Sweden	Orobias Scheuk. lime.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
4. FISH-SPAWN STALAGMITE.							
Great stony masses, of lit- tle oval lumps	soft	light	smooth	WHITISH	tender	Ketton, in Rutland	Meconites Scheuk. a building stone.
5. SAND STALAGMITE.							
Stony masses of small grains	hard	heavy	rugged	REDDISH	shattery	Cornwall	Ammites. B. a flux.
6. BLACK STALAGMITE.							
Small masses	very hard	heavy	scaly	DEEP BLACK	thin coated	Nerike, in Sweden	Cenchrites Niger Scheuk. a flux.

S P A R.

O R D E R X.

I N C R U S T I N G S P A R.

I N C R U S T A T I O.

Forming a stony coat upon moss, or shells, or other substances.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. BROWN INCRUSTING SPAR.							
A thin coat	very soft	light	rugged	PALE BROWN	brittle	Yorkshire, in waters	Incrustatio Fusca. curiosity.
2. GREY INCRUSTING SPAR.							
A thick coat	hard	heavy	wavy	GREYISH	firm	Sweden, on shells	Incrustatio Albida. curiosity.
3. RUDDY INCRUSTING SPAR.							
Rude coats	tender	very heavy	uneven	REDDISH	brittle	forest of Dean	Incrustatio Rufescens. curiosity.

THIESE, so far as I have yet seen, are all the Species of Spar : but so many there are ; and thus they may be arranged in a cabinet. They are more than is usually thought : but the eye shews them ; and their existence cannot be disputed.

If the term Species be question'd, and it be said, that many here called such, are only Varieties ; I cannot agree to that term as a subdistinction, tho' many, and great names support it. I should be sorry, any of those Authors entered into a dispute about it ; for I should be obliged to tell them, that there is no real distinction of Species in Spar. Spar is but one body, and all its appearances are Varieties : however, the numbering them as Species, fixes their names ; and ascertains the account, without the confusion of a useless subdistinction.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS IV.

CRYSTAL.

CRYSTALLUS.

A pure Fossil, bright, glassy, not fissile, nor breaking into regular forms.

IT has been said that Crystals break into Columns, as Spar breaks into Rhombs; but 'tis not so: the trial is easy; and will contradict the assertion: Spar is formed of connected Rhombs; Crystal is as a mass of melted glass.

Like Spar, or Selenite, it is one thing; what are called Species, are varieties; and these varieties arise from accidents, and are not in the nature of the body.

The natural place of Crystal is in the clefts of rocks: but only of such rocks as have a crystalline matter for their base. No man ever saw Crystal in the fissure of a limestone rock, or Spar in a crystalline one.

It sometimes lines these cavities with a pure wall of seeming glass; sometimes even fills the fissure with one vast mass; and when rendered foul by great quantities of earth, it forms whole rocks, whole mountains.

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These splitting, water washes it pure again into the cracks; and thus is the eternal circle kept in being.

Pure Crystal that has connected slowly, is colourless, pellucid, and of an angulated form; a Prism, with a Pyramid at each end; this is its proper shape: but as it has been disturbed in its formation, or fouled with mixtures, it assumes variously angulated Figures; or forms masses not angular; and loses of its transparency, and gains new colours.

Under this variety of appearances, it is to be considered in the arrangement of a cabinet; and thus its forms are to be laid down here: those who please may call them Species; those who chuse may enter them as varieties, or dispute about the vanity of terms: here they are laid down only as so many numbered appearances of the one thing Crystal, and reckoned as no other. They will be best understood by distributing them into various Orders, according to their general marks of difference; and so much we allow: the rest is folly.

C R Y S T A L S.

O R D E R I.

Of angulated Figures.

T R I B E I.

In form of a Prism of six sides, terminated by a Pyramid of six sides, at each end.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. PURE CRYSTAL.*				TRANSPA- RENT, AND COLOUR- LESS			Crystal de Roche à deux Pointes. W.
Slender	very hard	heavy	bright, and polish'd		pure	Bristol	glass.

* This differs in nothing from the form of pure Spar, but that the points are perfect and sharp here, never in the Spar.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
2. TOPAZ • CRYSTAL.							
Short	hard	very heavy	glossy	YELLOW	very pure	the Brazils, and Bohemia	Nitrum Lapidofum Flavum. L. a gem.
3. HYACINTHINE • CRYSTAL.							
Long, and slender	hard	heavy	polish'd	FLAME COLOUR'D	pure	Sweden	Nitrum Lap'dofum Purpureofulum. L. gem.
4. BERYLL CRYSTAL.							
Small	very hard	heavy	glossy	BLUE GREEN	watery	Germany	Nitrum Lapidofum Cyaneum. L. gem.

• These are called by some the occidental Gems, occidental Topaz, and the rest : but they are nothing but coloured Crystal ; the most perfect and finest of them keep the proper form of the Prism, with two Pyramids ; but as they have concreted hastily, or been mixt with less pure matter in concretion, they lose of their Figure, keeping sometimes only one of the Pyramids, or in some cases any angulated form ; but still they are to be known by their brightness, and according to their colours.

5. SAPPHIRE CRYSTAL.

Thick	hard	heavy	polished	FINE BLUE	bright	Bohemia
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Nitrum Lapidosum
Ceruleum.
L.

gem.

6. EMERALD CRYSTAL.

Long	tender	heavy	bright, and glossy	PURE GREEN	cloudy in parts	Switzerland
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Nitrum Lapidosum
Viride.
L.

gem.

7. RUBY CRYSTAL.

Short and thick	very hard	heavy	lineated	FINE RED	perfectly pure	Peru
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Nitrum Lapidosum
Rubrum.
L.

gem.

8. AMETHYSTINE CRYSTAL.

Short and thick	tender	very heavy	polished	PURPLE	cloudy in part	Bohemia
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Nitrum Lapidosum
Violaceum.
L.

gem.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
9. BROWN CRYSTAL.							
Thick	very hard	heavy	fireaky	DULL BROWN	clear	Norway	Nitrum Lapidosum Nigricans. L. for seals.
10. WHITE CRYSTAL.							
Large	tender	lighter	finooth	WHITISH	cloudy	Gloucester- shire	glafs.
11. BLACK CRYSTAL.							
Small	very hard	heavy	glossy	PERFECTLY BLACK	opake	Bristol	Crystallus Nigricans. Bom. grottos, glafs

C R Y S T A L S.

ORDER I.

TRIBE II.

In form of a Prism of six sides, with a Pyramid at one end; and fixed to the Rock at the other.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. PURE SPRIG CRYSTAL.*							
Large	hard	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	perfectly pellucid	every where in rocks	Nitrum Lapidum Oblongum. L grottos.

* This is found coloured in all the dyes of the preceding. Those Specimens should be arranged under the pure, as in that Species; but they can have no new name; they are to be called Topaz Crystal, as the former. There must be but one name for them, and those; for they are but one thing in nature and in construction, tho' the forms differ.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
2. BROAD SPRIG CRYSTAL. Large	hard	very heavy	polished	WATERY	cloudy	Bristol	• Nitrum Quartzosum Lateribus duobus latioribus. L glass.
3. NARROW SPRIG CRYSTAL. Small, and long	hard	very heavy	glossy	WHITISH	foul	Forest of Dean	glass.
4. LONG SPRIG CRYSTAL. A small, long column	very hard	heavy	bright	COLOUR- LESS	perfectly pellucid	Switzerland	Crytallus Planis Intermediis Majoribus Steno. glass.
5. SHORT SPRIG CRYSTAL. A thick, short column	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITISH	cloudy	Germany	Nitrum Lapidosum Subcaule. L glass.

* Linnæus has been free in the use of the name, Nitre, for these Crystals; for by his plan they are kinds of Nitre. I love and honour him, but can't adopt this Salt System. I hate to contradict a Genius of so vast merit; but we must by that freedom, come at real knowledge. It is not Nitre Crystal most emulates in its form: 'tis the vitriolated Tartar that Crystal resembles; an artificial, not a natural Salt.

C R Y S T A L S.

T R I B E III.

In form of Pyramids, without a Column.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
1. CLEAR DOUBLE CRYSTAL.							
Two short pyramids, base to base	hard	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	pellucid	Sweden	Nitrum Lapidosum Acaule. L. glafs.
2. BROWN DOUBLE CRYSTAL.							
Two thick pyramids	hard	heavy	lineated	PALE BROWN	pellucid	Grenades	glafs.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. LOW CRYSTAL. *							
A pyramid fixt to rock	very hard	heavy	bright, and glossy	COLOUR- LESS	pellucid	Bristol	grottos.

* Of this form also there are occidental Gems ; they should be ranged under this, in a cabinet, as varieties of this variety, but they can have no other names than the first, because they are no other thing.

All these kinds of Crystal are best understood when we find them single, but they are most frequent in clusters ; the single ought to be placed first in each kind, and the clustered to follow.

C R Y S T A L S.

TRIBE IV.

Angulated Crystals, fouled.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. COATED CRYSTAL.							Nitrum Lapidofum Opacum. L.
A covered column	hard	heavy	very rugged	RED OR GREEN	colourless when the coat is off	Cornwall	grottos.
2. WATER CRYSTAL.							
A column with a drop in it	hard	light	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	streaky	Germany	curiosity.
3. HOLLOW CRYSTAL.							Nitrum Lapidofum Inane. L.
A column empty and hollow	hard	heavy	polished	WHITISH	watery	Switzerland	curiosity.
4. TALCY CRYSTAL.							
A column	hard	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	with spangles of Talc within	Germany	curiosity.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. ASBESTINE CRYSTAL.							
A thick column	hard	heavy	lineated	PELLUCID	fibres of Asbestos within	Sweden	curiosity.
6. MARCASITE CRYSTAL.							
A column	hard	heavy	streaky	CLEAR	frangles of marcasite within	Germany	curiosity.
7. ANTIMONIATE CRYSTAL. *							
A coarse column	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITISH	with antimony ore in it	Sweden	curiosity.

* There may be more of these, and they should have their places after them. These are all I have seen: and 'twill be well if those who fancy others, will attend to Cronstedt's caution, and see they do not take Asbestos for grafs, and earth for moss.

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O R D E R I.

T R I B E V.

S A N D S.

A R E N Æ.

Broken ; irregularly angulated, and in form of powder.

I. P U R E S A N D S.

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FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE CRYSTALLINE SAND.							
Large dust	hard	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	angulated	Persia	Arena Mobilis α. L.
2. ROUND CRYSTALLINE SAND.							
Round granules	hard	heavy	rough	COLOUR- LESS	rounded	the Me- diterranean shores	Arena Mobilis β. L.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. VOLATILE SAND.							
Fine dust	soft	light	dusty	WHITISH	angulated	Arabia	Arena Mobilis <i>y.</i> L.
4. ORANGE SAND.							
Large grains	hard	heavy	rugged	ORANGE- COLOUR'D	coarse	Surinam	Arena Colorata <i>a.</i> Lin.
5. WHITISH SAND.							
Rough particles	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITE	opaque	Hertford- shire	Arena Colorata <i>β.</i> L.
6. PALE YELLOW SAND.							
Irregular grains	hard	heavy	rugged	PALE YELLOW	foul	every where	Arena Colorata <i>γ.</i> L.

7. RED SAND.

Large grains	hard	heavy
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smooth

DULL RED

clear

shores of Red
SeaArena
Colorata L.

8. VIOLET SAND.

Large grains	hard	heavy
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polished

PURPLE

bright

shores of the
BalticArena
Colorata L.R
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9. PALE SAND.

Great gra- nules	hard	heavy
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smooth

PALE
YELLOWISH
BROWNrounded
grainsshores of
riversArena
Lacustris L.

10. HILL SAND.

Irregular grains	hard	heavy
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uneven

BROWNISH
GREYsome
rounded
grainshigh grounds
and woodsArena
Campestris L.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
II. COATED SAND.							
Large grains	soft	heavy	coated with earthy shells	WHITE	rounded grains	Sweden	Arena Margarita. L.
12. HEATH SAND.							
Very small grains	soft	light	dufty	REDDISH GREY	rudely angulated	Heaths every where	Arena Glarea. L.
13. OCHREOUS SAND.							
Small grains	soft	light	rough	YELLOW	angulated	near ferrugi- nous springs	Arena Ochracea. L.
14. FLINTY SAND.							
Great particles	harsh	heavy	polished	HORN COLOUR'D	angulated	England	Arena Silicea. L.

2. MIX'D SANDS.

15. RUSTIC SAND.								Arena Rustica. L.
Rude parti- cles	harsh	light	rugged	BROWN, AND GREY	mix'd of broken stone, and sand	Suffex, Sweden		
16. RUGGED SAND.								Arena Sabulum. L.
Unequal particles	harsh	light	rough	BROWN, AND WHITE	of stone, sand, and talc	Sweden		
17. CASSERITE SAND.								Arena Casserita. L.
Fine parti- cles	soft	light	smooth	MILKY WHITE	spangles of glim- mer	Casserite Island		
18. YELLOW GLIMMER SAND.								Arena Micacea Aurea. L.
Small par- ticles	soft	light	glossy	GOLD YELLOW	of yellow mica, and sand	Sweden		

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
19. WHITE GLIMMER SAND.							
Small particles	soft	light	glossy	SILVERY WHITE	of white mica, and sand	Sweden, Germany	Arena Micacea Argentina, L.
20. GOLD SAND.							
Uneven particles	harsh	heavy	shining	YELLOWISH	grains of pure gold	Africa, and East Indies	Arena Aurca, L. for gold.
21. IRON SAND.							
Sharp particles	hard	heavy	glittering	BLACK	angulated and flatted particles	Italy, Sweden	Arena Ferrea, L. for writing.
22. GRANITE SAND.							
Rude particles	harsh	heavy	shining	MIXT OF WHITE, RED, GREEN, &c.	of fragments of granites	Minorca, &c.	'Saburra [Granatica, H.

23. PORPHYRY SAND †.

Unequal
parts

hard

heavy

smooth

MIXT OF
PURPLE,
WHITE, &c.composed
of frag-
ments of
porphyry

Ægypt

Saburra
Porphyria.
H.

3. S H E L L Y S A N D S.

24. ÆGYPTIAN HOUR-GLASS SAND †.

Unlike par-
ticles

soft

light

dull

BROWN,
AND
WHITEmix'd of
crystal,
talc, and
broken
shells

Ægypt

Arena
Ægyptiaca.
N.

† These are formed of fragments of Granite, Porphyry, and other Stones, beaten to powder, one against another. They are not genuine Sands, and there may be as many kinds enumerated as there are Stones; but these in their genuine state, will have their place hereafter.

‡ This, and the three following, are now first known to me; the gift of my great patron. They are objects for the microscope, and of the very finest kind; they are full of minute, but perfect shells; many of them Species, not otherwise known.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
25. CHIOZAN SAND.							
Most unlike particles	harsh	light	shining	BLACK, WHITE, AND REDDISH	of crystal, iron, sand, jet, marcasite, and entire small shells	Italy	Arena Chiozana.
26. RIMINIAN SAND.							
Very large, unlike particles	harsh	light	glittering	BLACK, AND WHITE	of crystal, iron, sand, jet, corals, and entire shells	Rimini	Arena Riminiana. N.
27. BONONIAN SAND.							
Foul particles	soft	light	dull	YELLOWISH	of crystal, talc, clay, and small ammonitæ	Italy	Arena Ammonifera. N.

C R Y S T A L S.

ORDER II.

In masses not angulated.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
A round lump	hard	heavy	wavy	COLOUR- LESS	pellucid	Brasil, &c.	Quartzum Purum Cronstedt. spectacles.
2. WHITE PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Round stones	hard	heavy	uneven	WHITISH	watery	Sweden	Quartzum Pingue Cronstedt. glafs.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. BLUE PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Small lumps	very hard	heavy	smooth	PALE BLUE	clear	Island of Uto	Quartzum Cæruleum Cronstedt. a false gem.
4. AMETHYSTINE PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	glossy	VIOLET PURPLE	clear	Island of Uto	Quartzum Amethystinum Cronstedt. a false gem.
5. SANDY PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Great lumps	very hard	very heavy	granulated	MILKY	cloudy	Sweden	Quartzum Granulatum Cronstedt. glass.
6. GREENISH PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	rugged	PALE GREEN	clear	Sweden	Quartzum Granulatum Virescens Cronstedt. glass.

7. SHATTERY PEBBLE CRYSTAL.								• Quartzum Spatosum Cronstedt.
Vast masses	hard	very heavy	rugged	WHITE	breaks in- to broad Plates	Sweden	glafs.	
8. YELLOW SHATTERY CRYSTAL.								Quartzum Spatosum Flavum Cronstedt.
Vast masses	very hard	heavy	uneven	PALE YELLOWISH BROWN	flaky	Gold mines of Hungary	glafs.	
9. BLOCK CRYSTAL.								
Vast stones	very hard	heavy	uneven	WHITISH	clear	Germany, in cracks of rocks	glafs.	
10. CURTAIN CRYSTAL.								
Vast sheets	hard	heavy	undulated	CLEAR AND CO- LOURLESS	watery	Persia	glafs.	

• The names of authors run out to an immoderate length; those I give from them mark the difference of kind, and are a sort of rendering them from Specific, into Trivial; this may serve as an instance: the words Quartzum Spatosum are not in Cronstedt, but whoever turns to his chapter of Quartzum, and finds the name Quartzum Textura Spatosa, will know 'tis that quoted here, and spare the Textura, I hope, with pleasure.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
11. BLACK PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Vast lumps	very hard	very heavy	botryoide	BLACK	crackly	Sweden	<p>Quartzum Ferream Cristall.</p> <p>an iron ore.</p>
12. RUDDY PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Great masses	hard	very heavy	irregular	DULL RED	crackly	Smoland	<p>Quartzum Cupro Mixtum Cristall.</p> <p>a copper ore.</p>
13. JACOBINE PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
Round lumps	very hard	heavy	wav'd	VEIN'D BLACK AND WHITE	dull	Sweden	<p>Quartzum Aqueolactem. W.</p>
14. WORM-EATEN PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
In sieve-like masses	hard	heavy	rugged	BROWNISH	eaten in holes as it were	Germany	<p>Lutum Strab.</p>
15. RIDG'D PEBBLE CRYSTAL.							
In rounded	hard	very heavy	ridg'd	BROWNISH RED	raised in edges	Germany	<p>Quartzum Granatum. W.</p>

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS V.

GEMS.

Hard, bright, sparkling; in small angulated masses; composed of fine Plates.

THE Gems are naturally angular, as are the Crystals: but like them, from various accidents in their formation, they are found sometimes in rude or shapeless masses; and when angular, they have still all that variation of Figure which we see take place in Crystal and Spar; from the different disturbances of their crystallization. In all these cases the various number of angles may be occasioned, as we see in Salts, from the accidents of their concretion. In these, as well as in those, we have the same kind in different Figures; and as we can crystalize them under the eye, we can determine the causes of those alterations. The round, or pebble Gems, seem not to have been original in that form, but worn to it by rolling about in a fluid.

The hardness and the lustre of the Gems, must distinguish them from all other Stones; for if we considered their form, as their essential character, many Crystals would assume the name: and Cronstedt

has well determined, that a certain Spar he had seen in Figure of the most regular Diamond, must then be call'd, a Diamond.

No peculiar construction, no form of constituent parts is visible in the Gems : they appear as masses of uniform nature ; and they break irregularly and indeterminately ; yet there is in all a really plated structure. The Lapidaries find this in some, and can split them ; the burning glass discovers it in the rest ; and when turned to it in a right direction, tears them to pieces : they split into the thinnest Plates that can be conceived, and seem to have been composed in the manner of the Tales, only more compact. 'Tis pity this character is not more obvious : for it affords a real distinctive mark between the Gems, and all other Stones : Crystals, which seem to come nearest to them, have it not.

Their colours are less essential, for they can in most be driven away by fire ; and nature sometimes gives the Gem without them ; they are evidently owing to the metals ; for we can by means of metals, give the same to glass ; our artificial Gem.

The Salt System of Linnæus appears here almost ludicrous. To a truly philosophic eye, the difference of estimation and price are nothing ; but the common Reader will hardly keep his countenance when he sees the Diamond reduced to a Species of Alum ; and the Emerald of Borax.

D I A M O N D S.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. ORIENTAL DIAMOND.							
^S Octahædral	hardest	heaviest	brightest	LIVELIEST	most sparkling of all gems	East Indies	Adamas Gemma. W. Le Diamant de Brasil de Lifle.
2. BASALTINE DIAMOND. BRAZIL DIAMOND.							
Dodecahæ- dral	very hard	heavy	bright	LIVELY	sparkling	Brasils	

The form of the Brazil Diamond differs from the Oriental, as well as do its qualities : there are Shirly, or Basaltine, resemblances of all the Oriental Gems ; and this is such of the Diamond ; and no other. De Laet was acquainted with it, and with its qualities. Agricola knew its Dodecahædral form. Wallerius accurately describes its faces by their cubic shape. The Brazil Diamond has the same electric, and the same philosophic properties, with the Oriental : After it has been held

held in the sun, it has a silvery brightness in the dark; and the same quality, in some degree, when rubb'd: and it takes the foil, as the Oriental Diamond. But they all want the perfect hardness of the Oriental Diamond; and they have somewhat less specific gravity; and they can be melted by the extream force of fire, which the Oriental Diamond cannot; it can only be torn into flat Flakes, and that way shews it has a structure such as the Zeolite, tho' like that it be obscure.

We are not to expect all Diamonds in their perfect crystalized form; we see them rounded in the manner of the pebble Crystals, and like all other crystalized Stones, they vary in the number of the angles, even in the same Species.

Like all the other crystalline stones, this is also liable to be tinged to all colours; but these tinges it receives in so small a quantity, and in a degree so delicate, that it is a doubt whether a coloured Diamond be not more beautiful even than a perfect clear one.

We talk of our vast Diamonds, the Tuscan, the Sancy, and Pitt's; but what are these to that of the Mogul, which before cutting weighed very near eight hundred carats?

I. E M E R A L D S.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. ORIENTAL EMERALD.							<i>Smaragdus Orientalis.</i> W.
A column with a Pyramid *	very hard	heavy	bright, and polished	PURE GREEN	keeps its colour in the fire	Ægypt	ornament.

Smaragdus
Occidentalis.
W.

ornament.

Smaragdus
Brasilienfis
De Latt.

ornament.

Sapphirus Mas.
W.

ornament.

2. OCCIDENTAL EMERALD.

A Prism
without a
Pyramid

tender

heavy

glossy

PALE
GREENloses its
colour in
the fire.
luminous
in the dark
after
burning

Peru

3. BRASIL EMERALD.

A Prism
with two
Pyramids

soft

heavy

bright,
and
glossyDULL
GREENloses its
colour in
the firethe Brazils,
the Grenades

2. S A P P H I R E S.

1. ORIENTAL SAPPHIRE†.

A Rhomb
of unequal
sides

very hard

heavy

glossy

FINE BLUE

keeps its
colour in
the firePegou,
Conanor,
Ceylon

* This is the perfect form ; but we have said, how often it is altered, or defective, or rubb'd away, 'tis so in all ; but the true form should always be known.

† The Sapphire has been supposed the same Stone with the Diamond, but 'tis not so : we have blue Diamonds, which are not Sapphires ; and colourless Sapphires, which yet are not Diamonds ; but they are very near it : one passed thro' many Jewellers hands as such some years ago.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
2. OCCIDENTAL SAPPHIRE.							
A furrow'd Prism with an obtuse Pyramid	tender	heavy	bright, but uneven	PALE BLUE	keeps its colour	Peru	Sapphirus Fœmina. W. ornament.
3. GRASS SAPPHIRE.							
An octangular Prism with a Pyramid	soft	heavy	wavy	BLUE, WITH A TINGE OF GRASS GREEN	loses its colour in the fire	Bohemia	Sapphirus Subviridis. W. ornament.
3. RUBIES.							
1. ORIENTAL RUBY.							
Octohædral of trigonal Planes	extreamly hard	heavy	bright, and polished	PURE, PERFECT RED	keeps its colour in the fire	Pegou	Rubinus Orientalis. W. ornament.

2. BRASIL RUBY.

A Prism of unequal sides, with a triangular Pyramid	hard	heavy	streaky	PALE RED	keeps its colour in fire .	the Brazils	Rubinus Incarnatus. W. ornament.
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3. SPINELL RUBY.

A Prism with an irre- gular Pyra- mid	tender	heavy	scaly, but bright	ROSE- COLOUR	loses its colour in the fire	Peru	Rubinus Subalbus. W. ornament.
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4. TAWNY RUBY.

A short Prism with a long Pyra- mid	tender	heavy	uneven, and streaky	BROWNISH RED	loses its colour in the fire	Silesia	Rubinus Rubacellus. W. ornament.
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4. T O P A Z E S.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. ORIENTAL TOPAZ.							
Two quadrangular Pyramids, base to base	extreamly hard	heavy	bright, glossy	JONQUILLE YELLOW	keeps its colour in the fire	East Indies	Topazius W. ornament.
2. BRAZIL TOPAZ.							
A Prism of four sides, with two Pyramids	hard	heavy	polish'd	GOLD YELLOW	loses its colour in the fire	Brazils	Topazius Aureus Cronstedt. ornament.
3. ORANGE TOPAZ.							
A Prism with one Pyramid	tender	heavy	glossy	RUDDY YELLOW	loses its colour in the fire	Germany	ornament.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
4. SAXON TOPAZ.							
An octahæ- dral Prism, with two Pyramids	hard	heavy	rugged	PALE BROWN, PALE YEL- LOW, OR CO- LOURLESS	bright	Schneken- stein, in Saxony	Topazius Saxonicus Cronstedt. ornament.
5. CHRYSOLITE S.							
1. ORIENTAL CHRYSOLITE.							
A Prism of six sides, with two Pyramids of four sides	very hard	heavy	polished	YELLOWISH GREEN	keeps its colour in the fire	Cananor	Chrysolithus Praeoides. W. ornament.
2. OCCIDENTAL CHRYSOLITE.							
A Prism of five sides, with no Pyramid	tender	heavy	bright	PALE GREEN, WITH A YELLOW TINGE	loses its colour in the fire	Brazils	Chrysolithus Cryopratus. W. ornament.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. GOLD CRYSOHITE.							
A Prism with one Pyramid	hard	heavy	streaky	GOOD GREEN, WITH A CAST OF GOLD YELLOW	keeps its yellow in the fire	Peru	Chrysolithus Præfius. W. ornament.
5. HYACINTHS.							
1. ORIENTAL HYACINTH.							
A long Prism of four sides, with two Pyramids	very hard	heavy	striated	FLAME- COLOUR	keeps its colour in the fire	East Indies	Lyncurius Veterum. H. ornament.
2. BOHEMIAN HYACINTH.							
A short Prism of four sides, with one Pyramid	hard	heavy	smooth, and glossy	YELLOWISH RED, WITH A TINGE OF GREEN	keeps its colour in the fire	Bohemia, Poland	Hyacinth Chrysoptase de Lille. ornament.

3. JARGON HYACINTH. •

A long
Prism, with
one Pyramid

very hard

heavy

polished

PALE
YELLOWISH
REDkeeps its
colour in
the fire

France

ornament.

Jargon
d'Hyacinthe
De Lisle.

6. GARNETS.

1. ORIENTAL GARNET.

1
2 A short
hexædral
Prism with
two Pyra-
mids

hard

very
heavy

ridged

BLOOD RED,
FIRE-CO-
LOUR'D TO
THE LIGHTkeeps its
colour in
the fire

Pegou

ornament.

Grenate
Rouge
De Lisle.

2. SORANE GARNET.

A short
Prism, with
one Pyramid

very hard

very
heavy

glossy

DEEP
ORANGE
SCARLETkeeps its
colour in
the fire

East Indies

ornament.

Grenate
de Surian
De Lisle.

• This Stone is sometimes colourless, and has been call'd, a Soft Diamond; a term that needs no comment.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
3. JACYNTH GARNET.							
A long Prism, with two Pyramids	very hard	heavy	bright	CRIMSON, WITH A YELLOW TINGE	keeps its colour in the fire	Coromandel	Giacinto Guarnaccio De Lisle. ornament.
4. VIOLET GARNET.							
A short Prism, with one Pyramid	hard	heavy	polish'd	DEEP RED, WITH A PURPLE TINGE	keeps colour in the fire	Pegou	Rubino della Rocca De Lisle. ornament.
5. DEEP GARNET.							
Rounded and Polygonal	tender	very heavy	glossy	BLOOD RED	keeps its colour in the fire	Bohemia, in rocks	Grenat de Boheme De Lisle. ornament.
6. SPANISH GARNET.							
Globular, with many rhomboidal faces	tender	heavy	streaky	LIGHT RED	loses its colour in the fire	Spain, in slate	Grenat d'Espagne De Lisle. ornament.

8. BLACK GARNET.							
A short Prism, with two long Pyramids	very hard	very heavy	perfectly polished	ABSOLUTE BLACK	whitens in fire	Lapland	Granatus Niger Cronstedt. a poor iron ore.
8. GREEN GARNET.							
Rounded, and multangular *	hard	very heavy	glossy	PALE GREEN	whitens in fire	Saxony	Granatus Virescens Cronstedt. ornament.
9. TOURMALINE GARNET.							
A Prism of nine sides, with two trihedral Pyramids	hard	heavy	smooth	PURPLE	electrical when heated	Ceylon	Lapis Electricus Aët. Ber. curiosity.

* Nothing is more irregular than the crystalized form of the Garnets. Wallerius has assumed these variations as characters, that could be considered as permanent; and De Lisle counts in the same manner upon the inequality of their faces. I have examined a multitude, and find the same Stone varies in the number, and proportional breadth of the faces. What seemed most permanent in each, I have described, but owning still the uncertainty: he who would name Garnets from these differences, might make a thousand, but often a hundred of those would be the various crystalizations of the same Stone. What the Antients knew of them, and by what names they called them, may be seen in an edition of Theophrastus, which I published some time since; or more concisely in Mr. De Lisle, who has done me the honour to perpetuate that, and my name in his immortal work.

C L A S S VI.

S H I R L.

B A S A L T E S.

An impure crystalized Fossil, hard and heavy; in form of polygonal Prisms, with trigonal heads.

IT IS necessary this should follow the Garnets; for 'tis ally'd to them most nearly in form, and qualities; the number of faces in the Prism is various, and the Head is often wanting, but the Body is always to be known: and tho' but lately understood, is worthy great attention.

Its constituent parts are variously put together, but in themselves they are always the same: thus we see fibrous, flaky, and glassy shirls: the structure of the Talcs, the Crystals, and the Spars, are seen in their fragments; but still the constituent substance is the same. No wonder those who looked but little farther than the surface, were perplexed with this; but to a deeper search all becomes plain.

Linnæus refer'd the Shirls to Alum, for their form; De Boet considered them as Crystals: the late excellent

cellent Cronstedt seems to have understood them well : he first discovered their close resemblance to the Garnets ; and (discovering also the perfect uncertainty and vague determination of the sides and faces in the Garnets) connected both together for their matter ; and neglected (with great reason in his work) their form.

When pure, the Shirls strike fire with steel ; but some are so debased with earthy mixtures, that they do it poorly. None of them ferment at all with acids ; they all become electrical when heated : their number of faces varies in the same mass, one Prism being made to suit two others : as to size, we see them from that of Barley-Corn up to the Giant's causeway.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
<p>1. STOLPEN SHIRL.</p> <p>A simple Polygonal column, with a trihædral head</p>	very hard	very heavy	smooth	RAVEN GREY	ten foot long	Misnia	<p>Basaltus de Stolpen. W.</p> <p>curiosity.</p>
<p>2. IRISH SHIRL.</p> <p>GIANT'S CAUSEWAY.</p> <p>Jointed columns</p>	hard	heavy	smooth	PERFECTLY BLACK	immense, of various faces, but alike in all the joints of each column.	Antrim	<p>Basaltus Hibernicus Pl. Trans.</p> <p>curiosity.</p>
<p>3. SPANISH SHIRL.</p> <p>CROSS STONE.</p> <p>A black and white cross</p>	hard	heavy	glossy	BLACK, AND PURE WHITE	small, with the figure of a cross	Andalusia	<p>Lapis Crucis. W.</p> <p>amulet.</p>

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
4. FLINTY SHIRL.							
An oblong black Prism, with two Pyramids	very hard	heavy	polished	BLACK	glassy, when broke	Germany	Borax Lapidus Triquetrus. L.
C 5. RUDDY SHIRL.							
An oblong, ruddy Prism, with one Pyramid	hard	very heavy	smooth	RUDDY BROWN	granulated	Nerike, in Sweden	Basaltus Rufus Cronstedt.
6. GREEN SHIRL.							
A short, green Prism, with one Pyramid	tender	heavy	glossy	PALE GREEN	cloudy within	Sweden	Basaltus Virens Cronstedt.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
7. MULTANGULAR SHIRL.							
A Prism of many sides, with two Pyramids	hard	heavy	polished	DEEP GREEN	foul within	Germany	Schorl Verde Davila.
8. WHITISH SHIRL.							
White, long, angulated needles	tender	light	glossy	WHITISH, WITH A TINGE OF BROWN, OR BLACK	clustery	Bristol	Schorl d'Aiguille Davila.
9. VESUVIAN SHIRL.							
A hexædral flatted Prism, with two Pyramids	hard	heavy	even	YELLOWISH, OR BLACKISH	clustery	Mount Vesuvius	Basalte de Vesuvius De Lisle.

10. EMERALD SHIRL. MOTHER OF EMERALDS *.								Balsaltes Spatosus Cronstedt.
A Polygonal Prism, with one Pyramid	tender	heavy	polished	FINE GREEN	cloudy within	Ægypt	ornaments.	
11. STRIATED SHIRL.								Balsaltes Fibrosus Cronstedt.
A truncated Prism of many sides	hard	very heavy	glossy	WHITISH, WITH STAINS OF RUDDY BROWN, BLACK, OR GREEN	of a striat- ed texture	Sweden		
12. STARRY SHIRL.								Balsaltes Concentratus Cronstedt. Albest Fausse. W.
Thick masses of many angles	tender	very heavy	uneven	brownish, clouded with black and green	radiated, as a star	Sweden		

* Mr. Dacosta errs, in supposing this not to be the Mother of Emerald: Cronstedt is a great authority; but the truth is confirmed by a much greater, that of our senses. I wish this ingenious and knowing mineralist had spared the unkind note on his great author.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
13. DEBAS'D SHIRL.				BROWN, WITH GREY, RUDDY, OR BLACK SPOTS			B. Göttes Sax. us Cron. edto
Vast rude masses	hard	very heavy	irregular		stony	Sweden	
C R Y S T A L S.							

O R D E R VIII.

Z E O L I T E S.

Pure Fossils in columnar forms, hard, heavy, bright, and flaky.

These resemble the Shirl in all things; but that, when viewed with good glasses, their texture is flaky.

They are harder than Spars, but less hard than pure Crystal; they do not effervesce with acids, but they are soluble in that of Nitre; and the solution becomes a hard jelly.

They melt freely in the fire, and yield a light like the flame of electricity just in the moment of their fusion.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. JONQUILLE ZEOLITE.							
Convergent Pyramids	hard	heavy.	perfectly polished	JONQUILLE YELLOW	cluster'd, in small flakes	Sweden	Zeolithus Crystalizatus Cronstedt.
2. PURE ZEOLITE.							
A truncated Prism	hard	heavy	glossy	COLOUR- LESS	single, with fine flakes	Sweden	Zeolithus Distinctus Cronstedt.
3. HYACINTHE ZEOLITE.							
Small masses	tender	very heavy	glossy	FLAME- COLOUR'D	shattery	Sweden	Zeolithus Spatulosus Cronstedt.
4. BLUE ZEOLITE.							
Rude masses	hard	very heavy	uneven	BLUE, WITH YELLOW AND WHITE SPOTS	breaks like flint	Persia	Zeolithus Ceruleus Cronstedt.
5. WHITE ZEOLITE.							
Large masses	very hard	heavy	rugged	YELLOWISH WHITE	flinty	Denmark	Zeolithus Dorus Albus Cronstedt.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

 CLASS VII.

ASBESTINE FOSSILS.

ASBESTIÆ.

Pure Fossils, composed of strait, parallel threads, flexible, but not elastic.

THE Asbestos bear the fire ; and webs wrought of them may be cleaned by burning : but this is never done without a degree of injury ; for on the most careful trials, I have always found Native Asbeste of the same kind more flexible than what has been burnt : there is a leathery toughness in most of the pure sorts, when kept as they were taken out of the earth ; but it is lost by burning.

'Tis said, the Asbesti are formed of Talc, resolving itself into Clay : it must then have been striated in the plated state : but 'tis not so. Few people have glasses of more power than mine, and I have examined the purest Talc, but never seen this. If these authors would infer it from some debased talcy substances, which are striated, they want that precision, without which little is to be determined in this study. Besides, this change would infer, that the alteration of form
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renders the same body different in the fire; the last and greatest of all tests of Fossils.

Talc is unalterable in the fire; Asbeste is hardened in it; and Clay runs to Glass: therefore, according to this plan, one body, Talc, can afford three different conditions in the fire; as it happens without mixture, for that is not supposed, only that it has changed its form. I reverence Linnæus, yet do not receive his assertion, *Mica concretio Argillæ*, as absolute and certain: nor will himself, when he has but given it this consideration: nor yet the general character, *Amianthus lapis ex Argilla*; till we have found *Mica Amianthus* and *Argilla*, suffer the fire alike. Nor will the opinion of Cronstedt overrule the doubt, for 'tis but an opinion; and I should have expected, and have wished, to have found it rather in any other author.

The Asbestos are the softest, and the lightest of all minerals; they have no determinate manner of breaking; they always lie in the beds with horizontal fibres; never perpendicular, and seldom much inclin'd; they are so tough you twist them like hemp; so light they swim on water: too soft for striking fire; and too fixed for all the power of acids. Some resemble animal, as others vegetable substances; and hemp and leather equally are imitated by them: some masses look like Fossil wood; and some like efflorescences of Salts, but they soon disclose their nature, on handling; separating easily into threads, and having nothing of a saline quality.

A S B E S T I N E

ASBESTINE FOSSILS.

ORDER I.

ASBESTE.

ASBESTUS.

Composed of straight, even, parallel, long threads.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. PURE ASBESTE*.							Amiantus Asbestus L.
Long, entire threads	tender	very light	glossy	GREY	most flexible	Siberia, Cyprus	wicks of lamps

* This is spun into purfes, and made into paper ; but there is more in the name than the use.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
2. GLASSY ASBESTE.							
Bright, short threads	hard	heavy	polished	OLIVE-COLOUR'D	brittle	Sweden, Anglesea	Amiantus Fracilis. L. curiosity.
3. WOODY ASBESTE.							
✕ Masses like fossil wood	hard	heavy	streaky	PALE BROWN	scarce separable into threads	Italy	Amiantus Immaturus. L. curiosity.
4. EARTHY ASBESTE.							
Flat, coarse plates	tender	heavy	clay-like, but striated	PALE GREY	breaks in parting	Germany	Amiantus Terrestris. L. curiosity.
5. RADIATED ASBESTE.							
In starry clusters	hard	heavy	glossy	OLIVE-COLOUR'D	moses-like	Sweden	Amiantus Radians. L.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
6. GREEN ASBESTE.							
Flat masses	tender	heavy	uneven	DIRTY GREEN	not to be separated into threads	Germany	Asbeste non Mur Verdâtre. W.
7. BLACK ASBESTE.							
Small masses	hard	heavy	glossy	DEEP BLACK	scarce separable	Crete	Asbeste non Mur Noirâtre. W.
8. CRYSTALLINE ASBESTE.							
Thin plates	hard	heavy	polish'd	COLOUR- LESS	not separable	Germany	Asbeste non Mur Transparente. W.
9. BRUSH ASBESTE.							
Small tufts	tender	heavy	rugged	GREYISH	firm	Sweden	Asbeste en Bouquets. W.

ASBESTINE FOSSILS.

ORDER II.

AMIANTH.

AMIANTUS.

Composed of slender, cluster'd fibres, intricately mixed.

THIESE partake so much of the Asbestine nature, that they always lie lengthwise, not perpendicularly in their beds: and they split lengthwise only, tho' it be less regularly than the Asbestos. The Amianths will not spin into cloths, but paper may be made of some of them, and 'tis curious to see the writing burnt out, and the paper clean for fresh use: but the use is little.

Reiger has taken great pains to prove it a vegetable substance, not mineral; but his numerous reasons might have been all obviated, if he had thought of putting a bit of it into the fire.

It is singular, that a substance very much resembling the Amianths, may be made by art, with Arsenic, and the Vitriolic Acid.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PLUME AMIANTH. PLUME ALUM.							Amiantus Plumosus.
Oblong masses	soft	very light	woolly	PALE GREY	swims in water	Denmark	irritation in palsies
2. CHAFF AMIANTH.							Lapis Acerosus Rafilis. W.
Rough lumps	brittle	light	prickly	RUDDY GREY	sinks in water	Sweden	
3. HARD AMIANTH.							Lapis Acerosus Rigidus. W.
Small clusters	hard	heavy	covered with points	GREY	sinks in water	Germany	

4. PERPLEX'D AMIANTH.

Small masses	tender	heavy	unevenly streak'd	WHITISH	swims in water	Sweden
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*Amiantus
Implexus
L.*

5. RUDDY AMIANTH.

Rude lumps	hard	heavy	irregular	REDDISH	sinks in water	Germany
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*Byssus
Martialis
Crostedt.*

6. GREEN AMIANTH.

Large, flatted masses	tender	heavy	wav'd	DULL GREEN	sinks in water	Sweden	a copper ore.
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*Byssus
Vireicans
Crostedt.*

ASBESTINE FOSSILS.

ORDER III.

CARYSTINES.

CARYSTIA.

Composed of flaky plates, formed of inseparable, tough fibres.

THESE are in their original, fibrous, as well as the preceding kinds; but the fibres are formed into small flat flakes; and these flakes again into larger masses of the same form and kind. These are tough, flexible, and light; and to a stranger would appear rather of animal, or vegetable, than of Fossil origin. But the place where they are found, their structure when examined with glasses, and their resisting the force of fire, shew clearly what they are.

1. LEATHER

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. LEATHER CARYSTINE.							
Flat membranes in cracks of rocks	soft	very light	like flannel	YELLOWISH GREY	swims on water	Sweden	Amiantus Aluta. L.
2. FLESHY CARYSTINE.							
Thick, flat cakes	soft	light	undulated	WHITISH	swims on water, very flexible	Germany	Amiantus Caro Montana. L.
3. CORK CARYSTINE.							
Broad masses	soft	light	uneven	RUDDY BROWN	soaks in the water, and then sinks	Saxony	Amiantus Suber L.
4. YELLOW CARYSTINE.							
Great flakes	tender	heavy	wav'd	OCHREOUS YELLOW	sinks in water	Sweden	Caro Montana Flavicans Cronstedt.

NATIVE FOSSILS.

CLASS VIII.

EARTHS.

TERRÆ.

Fossils composed of imperceptible particles, united into firm, but not hard masses.

THE Earths are a numerous tribe ; but they have been supposed more numerous than they are : Sands have been counted among them, which are not of their nature, nor answer to their common character.

They are very important in their uses to mankind ; and therefore worthy a place in all cabinets ; tho' they add little to their beauty.

There are five principal kinds of Earths :

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| 1. CLAYS, | 4. MOULDS, |
| 2. CHALKS, | 5. BOLES, |
| 3. MARLES, | 6. OCHRES. |

These serve for purposes perfectly various ; and are in their nature evidently distinct ; and easily distinguishable by their characters.

Two are primitive Fossils, Chalk, and Clay ; Mould is perfectly adventitious, and variously mixed ; Marles have animal remains ; and Boles and Ochres have always a metallic mixture : the Alkaline Earths (here called Chalks, for the sake of a shorter name) have been supposed of animal origin ; and they are now received as such ; but the matter does not appear thus to me. I must be indulged in the use of my own experience ; but the reasons of my doubts will be seen, and may be judged by all.

Earths are tender, tho' compact ; they may be rubb'd to pieces in the hands, tho' some more difficultly than others : they disunite in water, but do not dissolve in it.

EARTHS.

E A R T H S.

O R D E R I.

C L A Y S.

A R G I L L Æ.

Tough, ductile, heavy, smooth masses.

THE distinctions of Fossils are all relative: but they become absolute when viewed in comparison with the other bodies of the same kind: so these four words comprehend a character of Clay, by which it will be distinguished at sight from all other kinds of Earths.

This Distinction of an Earth from other Earths is all that should be attempted in the character of an Order.

The difference of Earths from other Fossils is given in the character of the Class.

Linnæus describes Clay as a precipitation of a tough Sea-water. 'Tis well we need not enquire minutely into this; for it would not bear such enquiry.

Wallerius tells us, Clays are form'd of cubic particles. This we ought to enquire into; and I am sorry to say, we do not find it so. I wish it were; 'twould be a great natural distinction.

If we would lay down the Earths as Cronstedt, we must take in the Spars, the Crystals, Talcs, and even the Gems. Yet this was right in him, whose work was destin'd to the use of miners. Let me not seem to blame authors, where I decline adopting their opinions. These deserve respect, nay, reverence, all of them; but men are not infallible: and if one work were perfect, we need not labour after more.

All Clays look dull when broken; all soften and become unctuous in water; and all harden in the fire.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE CLAY. Vast strata, deep	very tough	very heavy	very ductile	PURE WHITE	unctuous	Isle of Wight	Argilla Apyra. L. tobacco pipes.
2. GREY CLAY. Vast strata	tough	heavy	ductile	GREYISH	fatty	Germany	Argilla Leucargilla. L. tobacco pipes.
3. PURPLE CLAY. Thin strata	very tough	heavy	very ductile	PALE VIOLET- COLOUR	unctuous	France	Argilla Vulcan. L. furnaces.
4. BLACK CLAY. Deep, thick strata	tough	very heavy	less ductile	BLACK	grows white in the fire	Montmartre	Argilla Nigra. L. tobacco pipes.

5. BLUE CLAY.

Vast strata	very tough	heavy	very ductile	LEAD COLOUR	reddens in the fire	Leicestershire	<div>Argilla [Communis. L.</div> tiles.
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6. POT CLAY.

Vast strata	tough	heavy	ductile	GREY	reddens in the fire	Warwickshire	<div>Argilla Figulina. L.</div> pots and pans.
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7. PORCELANE CLAY.

Vast strata	brittle	heavy	not very ductile	WHITE, WITH SPANGLES	dry	China	<div>Argilla Porcellanea. L.</div> porcelane.
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8. YELLOW CLAY.

Vast strata	brittle	very heavy	ductile when wet	YELLOW, WITH SPANGLES	dry	China	<div>Argilla Chinensis.</div> coarse porcelane.
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FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
9. LEMON CLAY.							
Vast strata	tough	heavy	very ductile	VERY PALE YELLOW	unctuous	Tartary	<div>Argilla Lithomarga. W.</div> great pipe heads.
10. DUSKY CLAY.							
Vast strata	tough	heavy	very ductile	BROWNISH YELLOW.	fatty, but coarse	England	<div>Argilla Stenilis. L.</div> bricks.
11. RED CLAY.							
Thin strata	brittle	heavy	ductile	PALE RED	dry	Sweden	<div>Argilla Incarnata. L.</div>
12. GREEN CLAY.							
Thin strata	crumbly	light	not very ductile	COARSE GREEN, WITH SPANGLES	dufty	Ægypt, Germany	<div>Argilla Talcosa. L.</div>

13. TAWNY CLAY.							Argilla Tumescens. L.
Vast strata	spongy	heavy	not very ductile	REDDISH YELLOW	sandy	Wiltshire	poor pottery.
14. DARK CLAY.							Argilla Grandæna. L.
Vast strata	hard	heavy	crumbly	DEEP BROWN	full of small gra- vel	Worcester- shire	for ovens.
15. STAINING CLAY. UMBER.							Argilla Umbra. L.
Great masses	brittle	light	crumbly	DUSKY BROWN	stains the fingers	Italy	for painting.
16. ÆGYPTIAN CLAY.							Argilla Nilotica. L.
Vast cakes	brittle	heavy	crumbly	LIGHT BROWN	dusty	Ægypt	a manure.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
17. UNDERBOG CLAY.							Argilla Vitriolica. L.
Thick strata	tough	heavy	ductile	BLACKISH	styptic	Ireland	

I have taken the Linnæan trivial names for Clays; for no author has understood their characters so clearly and distinctly: but the list is smaller here; for his 6th, 8th, and 14th, are Boles; his 7th, 17th, and 20th, Marles. These will be found in their places; but excepting for this mixture, which my specimens, and my experiments disclaim, his distinctions are excellent: and 'tis the purpose here to give, that author's names, who appears to have understood the particular body best; to use not one, but all; and give a short direction where 'tis best to seek farther accounts, than the nature of this work admits.

E A R T H S.

O R D E R II.

C H A L K S.

C R E T Æ.

Dry, dusty, light, brittle, staining masses.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE CHALK.							
Vast strata	hard	heavy	compact	WHITE	hardest, as deepest	England	Calx Creta. L. for lime.
2. DUSTY CHALK.							
Vast masses	crumbly	heavy	brittle	WHITE	foul with stones	Sweden	Calx Marmoræ. L. a manure.
3. YELLOW CHALK.							
In great masses	brittle	heavy	dusty	YELLOWISH	foul with stones	Sweden	Calx Marmoræ Flava. L. a manure.
4. RUDDY CHALK.							
Vast lumps	hard	very heavy	brittle	REDDISH	sandy	Forest of Dean	Calx Marmoræ Rubra. L. lime.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. AGARICK CHALK.							
Flat, great cakes	soft	light	friable	PURE WHITE	stainy	Sweden	Calx Palustris. L. white washing.
6. MOON CHALK. LAC LUNÆ.							
Great lumps, deep in rocks	very soft	very light	very brittle	PURE WHITE	stainy	Germany	Calx Guhr. L. an absorbent.
7. RED CHALK.							
Large, rude masses	hard	very heavy	brittle	FINE RED	stains	Germany	Creta Rubens. W. for painting.

E A R T H S.

O R D E R III.

M A R L E S.

Tender, crumbly, light, coarse masses.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. WHITE MARLE.							
Vast strata	soft	light	very crumbly	PURE WHITE	breaks swiftly in water	England	manure. Argilla Margal.
2. SALINE MARLE.							
Vast loose strata	brittle	heavy	crumbly	BROWN	salt taste	Palæstine	Argilla Muristica.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
3. CHINA MARLE.							
Vast masses	compact	heavy	coarse, and uneven	LIGHT GREY	full of spangles	China	<div>Terre à Porcelane, W.</div> <p>porcelane.</p>
4. CHALKY MARLE.							
Vast strata	firm	heavy	uneven	YELLOWISH WHITE	cleansing for woollen	Greece	<div>Marne Cretacee, W.</div> <p>for the fullers.</p>
5. FULLER'S MARLE. FULLER'S EARTH.							
Vast masses	soft	heavy	irregular	OLIVE-BROWN	most unctuous	England	<div>Argilla Fullonica, L.</div> <p>for clothiers.</p>
6. WHITE FULLER'S EARTH.							
Thick strata	hard	heavy	glossy	GREYISH WHITE	soft	Germany	<div>Smectis Grisea, W.</div> <p>for cloaths.</p>

7. RED MARLE.

Deep strata

hard

light

rugged

RED

breaks
easily in
water

England

manure.

Marna
Rough.
W.

8. BROWN MARLE.

Vaſt ſtrata

tender

light

uneven

BROWN,
MIXED
WITH GREY
AND
YELLOWbreaks
freely

England

manure.

Marna
Fuſca.
W.

9. DOVE MARLE.

Vaſt ſtrata

hard

heavy

rough

DOVE CO-
LOUR, WITH
RED AND
BROWN
SPOTSbreaks
freely

England

manure.

Marna
Columbina.
W.

10. YELLOW MARLE.

Deep ſtrata

tender

light

duſty

DEAD
YELLOWbreaks
freely

England

manure.

Marna
Flava.
W.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
11. BLUE MARLE.							
Vast strata	hard	heavy	shattery	DEADBLUE, SIMPLE, OR VEIN'D	breaks slowly	England	Marga Cerulea. W. manure.
12. BLACK MARLE.							
Great masses	tender	heavy	crumbly	BLACK	breaks freely	England	Marga Nigricans. W. manure.
13. STEEL MARLE.							
Great lump	hard	light	shattery	DEEP GREYISH	breaks in dice	England	Marga Ferreæ. manure.
14. PAPER MARLE.							
Thin flakes	soft	light	fissile	PALE GREY	splits into leaves	England	Marga Papyraceæ. manure.

Marga
Teffacea.
L.

manure.

Marga
Conchacea.
L.

manure.

Marga
Lapidifera.
W.

manure.

Marga
Tophacea.
W.

manure.

15. SCALY MARLE.

Deep strata	soft	light	brittle	WHITE	splits	Holland
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16. SHELL MARLE.

Thick strata	tender	light	very brittle	WHITISH	crumbly	England
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17. SAND MARLE.

Vast strata	hard	heavy	stony	PALE BROWN	firm	England
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18. CLUSTER MARLE.

Vast lumps	tender	light	rugged	DEEP BROWN	crumbly	Holland
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* There is evidently, Clay in this Marle; and Cronstedt has great reason on his side, when he calls Marle a mixture of calcarious and clayey Earth.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USE.
19. DENDRITE MARLE. Thin strata	hard	heavy	uneven	PALE GREY	mark'd with figures of mosses	Germany	^{Marga Dendrites. W.} manure.
20. SHELL MARLE. Vast strata	tender	light	rugged	BROWN, AND WHITE	full of shells	Woolwich	^{Marga Immatura.} manure.

* Many of the Marles have frequently Shells in them; but this is almost composed of them. 'Tis a doctrine, that all Marles are formed of decayed Shells; and this is, by those authors, supposed yet imperfect, or unripe: but there are Marles that have nothing shelly in them.

E A R T H S.

O R D E R IV.

M O U L D S.

Impure, crumbly, light, mixt Earths.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE MOULD.							
A loose dust	tender	very light	smooth	PALE BROWN	impalpa- ble	every where	Humus Dedalea. L. the food of ve- getables.
2. DUSKY MOULD.							
A coarse dust	soft	light	uneven	DEEP BROWN	granulated	every where	Humus Ruraria. L. the bed of plants.
3. LAKE MOULD.							
Deep beds	very soft	heavy	smooth	BLACKISH	impalpa- ble	under water	Humus Lacustris Lutum. Cronstedt. L. rich manure.
4. RED MOULD.							
Thick strata	tender	heavy	rugged	DUSKY RED	crumbly	Northamp- tonshire	Terra Adamica. W. Humus Damascena. L. rich land.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. HEATH MOULD.							
Deep beds	hard	light	uneven	DEAD BROWN	barren	on heaths	Humus Pauperata, L. none.
6. LOOSE MOULD.							
superficial beds	tender	light	uneven	BLACKISH	swelling with wet	in gardens	Humus Effervescens, L. throws up roots
7. DINGY MOULD.							
Deep beds	tender	light	smooth	UMBER- COLOUR'D	wet	on mountains	Humus Alpinæ, L. bed of Alpine plants
8. TURF MOULD.							
Deep beds	tender	light	rugged	RUDDY BROWN	mixt with roots and bitumen	in bogs	Humus Turfae, L. for firing.

9. IRON MOULD.

Thick beds	tender	heavy	smooth	INKY	vitriolic	Sweden	for dying black.
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Humus
Tinctoria.

10. BLACK MOULD.

Superficial strata	tender	heavy	rugged	DEEP BLACK	hardens in air	England	a rich land.
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Humus
Picea.
L.

11. SLATE MOULD.

Superficial strata	hard	heavy	plated	RUDDY BROWN	fissile	England	an alum ore.
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Humus
Schistosa.
L.

12. STAINING MOULD.

Great lumps	soft	light	crumbly	BLACK	stains like chalk	Sweden	for colouring.
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Humus
Nigrica.
L.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
13. RAVEN EARTH.							
Great masses	hard	heavy	uneven	RAVEN GREY	crumbly	Sweden	Humus Lenticularis. L.
14. ANIMAL EARTH.							
Dust	soft	light	even	BROWN	tender	church-yard	Humus Animalis. L.

E A R T H S.

O R D E R V.

B O L E S.

Smooth, soft, heavy, unctuous, tender masses.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
1. WHITE BOLE ARMENIC.							
Thick lumps	firm	very heavy	polished	PURE WHITE	melts in the mouth	Armenia	Argilla Bolus. L. Bolus Alb. H. a medicine for fluxes.
2. BRITTLE WHITE BOLE.							
Thin strata		heavy	dufty	WHITE	unctuous	Germany	Bolus Friabilis. H. a medicine for poison.
3. GREY BOLE.							
Vast masses	hard	heavy	smooth	GREYISH WHITE	crumbly	Greece	Bolus Eretia. H. Bol Gris. W. a medicine.
4. YELLOW BOLE ARMENIC.							
Thick strata	tender	heavy	polished	PALE YELLOW	melts in the mouth	Greece	Bolus Armena Galen. H. a medicine for fevers.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USE.
5. BOLE OF BLOIS.							
Thick masses	soft	light	dusty	GOOD YELLOW	melts in the mouth	Blois and Tokay	<small>Bolus Blotensis. H.</small> an astringent.
6. YELLOW LEMNIAN EARTH.							
Thick cakes	very hard	heavy	dusty	FULL YELLOW	breaks in flakes	Greece	<small>Terra Lemnia Flava. H.</small> an astringent.
7. ORANGE BOLE.							
Thick cakes	tender	light	smooth	REDDISH YELLOW	melts in the mouth	Livonia	<small>Terra Sigillata * Livonica Lutea. H.</small> for fevers.
8. RED BOLE ARMENIC.							
Deep strata	very hard	heavy	dusty	DEEP YELLOWISH RED	sticks to the tongue	Armenia	<small>Bolus Rubra (Durissima). H.</small> for fluxes.

9. RED FRENCH BOLE.							
Thick strata	tender	very heavy	rough	PALE RED, WITH YEL- LOW VEINS	gritty	near Paris	Bolus Rubra Gallica. H. 4 for fluxes.
10. STRIGA EARTH.							
Thick strata	tender	light	dusty	DULL RED	brittle	Hungary	Terra Sigillata Strigonicensis. H. for fevers.
11. TUSCAN BOLE.							
Vast masses	friable	very heavy	irregular	PALE RED	gritty	Tuscany	Terra Sigillata Rubra Magni Ducis. H. for fevers.
12. RED LEMNIAN EARTH.							
Thick strata	very hard	heavy	polished	DEEP RED	melts in the mouth	Greece	Terra Lemnia Rubra. H. for fevers.

* Many of these medicinal Earths come to us, seal'd; and there have been thought to be more than there really are: these seem, on a careful enquiry, to be all the truly distinct kinds.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
13. AMERICAN BOLE.							
Very lumps	very hard	heavy	uneven	FLESH-COLOUR'D	melts in the mouth	Virginia, and Carolina	<div>Bolus Rubescens. H.</div> astringent.
14. TRIPELA.							
Thin strata	hard	light	dusty	PALE RED	harsh, and gritty	Naples	<div>Argilla Tripolitana. L.</div> for scouring.
15. BROWN BOLE.							
Large cakes	firm	heavy	smooth	PALE BROWN	melts in the mouth	Gosselaer	<div>Bolus Fusca. H.</div> an astringent.
16. GREEN BOLE.							
Small lumps	tender	very heavy	polished	DUSKY GREEN	melts in the mouth	Cornwall	<div> <div>Bolus Virescens. H.</div> <div>Bolus Viridis. W.</div> </div> astringent.

17. BLACK BOLE.							
Vast lumps	very hard	heavy	glossy	PERFECTLY BLACK	bitumi- nous	Germany	Le Bal Noir. W. astringent.
18. DUSKY BOLE.							
Thin cakes	hard	heavy	rough	BLACKISH	green, when powder'd	Sweden	Bolus Squamosa Cronstedt. an iron ore.

E A R T H S.

ORDER V.

O C H R E S.

Dry, dusty, staining, fine masses.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USE.
1. DUSTY WHITE OCHRE.							
Small pieces	friable	very heavy	dufty	PURE WHITE	crumbly	Sweden	Ochra Plumb. L. a lead ore.
2. FIRM WHITE OCHRE.							
Small lumps	hard	very heavy	smooth	WHITE	stains the hands	Germany	Ochra Zinci. L. a Zink ore.
3. YELLOW OCHRE.							
Thin strata	soft	light	dufty	BRIGHT YELLOW	crumbly	England	Ochra Ferri. L. a paint.
4. TAWNY OCHRE.							
Great masses	tender	very heavy	uneven	TAWNY YELLOW	brittle	Sweden	Ochra Cobalti. L. a paint.

5. GOLD OCHRE.

Thin masses

tender

light

rugged

BRIGHT
YELLOW

crumbly

England

a paint.

Ochra
Theophrasti.
H.

6. SAFFRON OCHRE.

Flat cakes

brittle

light

uneven

SAFFRON
YELLOW

flaky

Northamp-
tonshire

a paint.

Ochra
Attica.
H.

7. NAPLES OCHRE.

Large lumps

brittle

heavy

rugged

FINE
YELLOW

crumbly

Italy

a paint.

Ochra
Giallolina.
H.

8. RED OCHRE.

Vast cakes

brittle

very
heavy

uneven

STRONG
RED

crumbly

England

a coarse paint.

Ochra Sil.
Syriacum
H.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
9. PURPLE OCHRE.							
Great lumps	tender	very heavy	dufty	PURPLISH RED	friable	Spain	Ochra Sil Atticum. H. a paint.
10. CRIMSON OCHRE.							
Great cakes	hard	extreamly heavy	uneven	DEEP PURPLISH CRIMSON	gritty	Isle of Ormuz	Ochra Purpurea. H. a paint.
11. VENETIAN OCHRE.							
Great cakes	tender	light	dufty	PALE RED	perfectly pure	Venice	Ochra Veneta. H. a paint.
12. SINOPIA OCHRE.							
Thick masses	compact	very heavy	smooth	DEEP RED	soft to the touch	Greece	Ochra Sinopica. H. a paint.

13. RED CHALK OCHRE.

Great masses	very hard	heavy	polished	GOOD RED	unctuous	Italy
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Ochra
Creta Rubra.
H.

a paint.

14. MARBLE OCHRE.

Great masses	stony hard	heavy	uneven	STRONG RED	dusty	China
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Ochra Sil
Marmorosum;
H.

a paint.

15. RUSTY OCHRE.

Small cakes	tender	very heavy	rough	RUST CO- LOUR, BROWN, RED	green, when dissolv'd	Sweden
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Ochra
Cupri.
L.

a copper ore.

16. GRAIN'D RED OCHRE.

Small lumps	soft	very heavy	rugged	RUSTY RED	granulat- ed, and thready	Sweden, in iron mines and on iron
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Ochra
Ferrug.
L.

a paint.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
17. STREAKY RED OCHRE.							
Small lumps	tender	heavy	fibrous	PALE RED	plumose	France	Ochra Stibigo. L. a paint.
18. GREEN OCHRE.							
Small masses	friable	light	granulated	GOOD GREEN	dufty	Germany	Ochra Æris. L. Ochra Chrysocolle. H. a paint.
19. CHRYSOLITE OCHRE.							
Rough lumps	brittle	heavy	uneven	YELLOWISH GREEN	green, when dissolv'd	Sweden	Ochra Nickeli. L. a paint.
20. FIBROUS GREEN OCHRE.							
Small masses	tender	light	rugged	PALE GREEN	crumbly	Virginia, on copper ore	Ochra Ærugo. L. a paint.

21. SOFT BLUE OCHRE.

Great lumps friable heavy

dusty

LIGHT
BLUEhisses in
water

Germany

a paint.

Ochra Lapis
Armenus.
H.

22. HARD BLUE OCHRE.

Small lumps hard heavy

polished

GOOD
BLUE

earthy

Sweden

a paint.

Ochra
Cupria
L.

23. STRIATED BLUE OCHRE.

Great lumps tender very
heavy

rugged

FINE BLUE

fibrose

Germany

a paint.

Ochra
Cuprigo.
L.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
24. BLACK OCHRE.							
Great masses	tender	light	uneven	BLACKISH	crumbly	Leicestershire	Ochra Magnesia. L. a paint.
25. FIBROSE BLACK OCHRE.							
Small lumps	hard	very heavy	streaky	DEEP BLACK	thready	Saxony	Ochra Argentifera. L. a silver ore.
26. BLACKISH TRIPELANE OCHRE.							
Great masses	hard	heavy	uneven	BLACKISH, OR BROWN	dusty	Warwickshire	Ochra Tripelana Fusca. M. for polishing.

P A R T II.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

Form'd by mixture of two, or more of
the Native, Earthy kinds.

C L A S S I.

S E M I - P E L L U C I D G E M S.

Hard, heavy, rounded masses : rude on the surface,
smooth where broken, and composed of impercep-
tible particles.

THESE do not ferment with Acids : they strike
fire with steel, and they take a delicate polish.

They all encrease in weight by calcination ; in the
manner of Lead, and some other metals. 'Twas Hen-
kel first astonished the world with this account : and
by repeated trials, I have found it true, but in va-
rious degrees.

They all run in the fire, and make glass ; to this
purpose those serve best which have least colour, or
come nearest to pure Crystal. Cronstedt says, there
are kinds which make a glass, that is injured by Acids ;
and those so weak, as what are in the Rhenish and
Moselle wines.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER I.

OPALS.

Uniform, almost pellucid, varying the shades of colours with the light.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. PURE OPAL.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	raised in lumps	PALE, AND CHANGE- ABLE	almost transpa- rent	India, Ægypt	ornament. <small>Silice Opalus. L.</small>
2. WHITE OPAL.							
Larger lumps	soft	light	uneven	MILKY, AND CHANGE- ABLE	opake	Arabia	ornament. <small>Opalus Albus. Cronstedt.</small>

3. OLIVE OPAL.

Small masses

hard

heavy

tuberous

PALE
BROWN,
CHANGE-
ABLEred, when
seen thro'

Ægypt

Opalus
Pæderota
Cronstedt.

ornament.

4. YELLOW OPAL.

Larger
lumps

tender

heavy

rugged

YELLOWISH,
A LITTLE
CHANGE-
ABLEruddy,
when seen
thro'

Saxony

Opalus
Flavescens.
W.

ornament.

5. BLACK OPAL.

Small masses

hard

heavy

glossy

COAL
BLACK,
CHANGE-
ABLE, WITH
YELLOW

obscure

East Indies,
GermanyOpalus
Niger.
W.

ornaments.

6. CAT'S EYE.

Rugged
lumps

hard

light

raised in
bumpsYELLOWISH,
CHANGE-
ABLE, WITH
WHITISH

obscure

Ceylon,
SiberiaSilix
Pseudoopalus.
L.

ornaments.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
I. WORLD'S EYE.							Silex Oculi Mundialis.
Small masses	hard	heavy	irregular	GREYISH, BROWN	transpa- rent, in water	East Indies	ornament.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER II.

ONYXES.

Plated, opake, variously coloured, in distinct beds.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. ARABIAN ONYX.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	warted	BLUEISH GREY	beds of black and white	East Indies	Onyx Corneus. W. rings.
2. BROWN ONYX.							
Larger lumps	hard	heavy	tabulated	GREY	beds of dead brown	Conanor	Onyx Circuli Fuscis. W. ornaments.
3. CAMÆAN ONYX.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	tilly	BLACK, AND WHITE	separate thick beds	East Indies	Onyx Memphitis. W. for engraving gems.
4. SARDONYX.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	undulated	RUDDY, BROWNISH	beds of white	Ægypt	La Sardonyx. W. for gems.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. SIBERIAN ONYX.							
Small lumps	very hard	heavy	uneven	GREY	veins of flesh- colour	river Tomin, Siberia	Onyx Carnea Cristall. ornaments.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER III.

JASPONYXES.

Opake of various colours, in thick veins, blotches, or spots : not in plates.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLOUDED JASPO NYX.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	wav'd, and warted	PALE RED	grey, cloudy within	Arabia	Jasponyx Capniae. W. boxes.
2. SPOTTED JASPO NYX.							
Small masses	tender	heavy	rugged	DULL GREEN	spots of pale red	Ægypt	Jasponyx Mouchette. W. snuff boxes.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER IV.

CHALCEDONY.

Dusky, clouded, and mixed of various colours.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. GREENISH CHALCEDONY.							
Little lumps	very hard	heavy	coated	GREYISH GREEN	uneven veins	Ægypt	^{Silex} Chalcedonius. L. snuff boxes.
2. BROWN CHALCEDONY.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	wav'd	BROWNISH GREY	clouded	Ægypt	Chalcedonius Griseo Spadicæus. W. ornament.
3. RAINBOW CHALCEDONY.							
Small masses	soft	heavy	botryoide	BLUEISH GREY	red, green, yellow rainbows	East Indies	Chalcedonius Griseo Cæruleus. W. toys.
4. MILK CHALCEDONY.							
Great lumps	soft	heavy	scaly	MILKY	thin clouds of grey	Tartary	Chalcedonius Cochelong Cristæd. for idols.

5. BLUE CHALCEDONY.								Chalcedonius Cæruleus Cronstedt.
Large lumps	hard	heavy	wavy	GREYISH BLUE	unspotted	Ceylon, Siberia	ornament.	
6. LINEATED CHALCEDONY.								Chalcedonius Lineatus. W.
Large lumps	hard	heavy	warted	YELLOWISH	lines and spots of all colours	East Indies	ornament.	

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER V.

CARNELIAN S.

Tolerably pellucid, pure, or veined in circles, not in beds.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
1. RED CARNELIAN.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	crusted	PALE RED	without veins	Arabia	<div>Silex Carneolus. L.</div> toys.
2. WHITE CARNELIAN.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	smooth	MILKY WHITE	cloudy	Ægypt	<div>Carneolus Albescens. W.</div> toys.
3. YELLOW CARNELIAN.							
Small masses	tender	heavy	warted	AMBER- COLOUR'D	dusky	Ægypt	<div>Carneolus Flavescens Crustedt.</div> toys.
4. BROWN CARNELIAN.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	crusted	PURE BROWN	cloudy	Siberia	<div>Carneolus Flavofuscus Crustedt.</div> toys.

5. BLOODY CARNELIAN.

Beryllus
Scheuchzer.
W.

Small lumps | very hard | heavy

smooth

DEEP RED

clear

East Indies

a jewel.

6. DOTTED CARNELIAN.

Carneolus
Stigmat.
W.D
P
Small lumps | very hard | heavy

warted

WHITISH
REDspots of
blood red

East Indies

ornament.

7. VEINY CARNELIAN.

Carneolus
Linestus.
W.

Small lumps | tender | light

smooth

PALE RED

veins of
deep red

Arabia

ornament.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER VI.

AGATES.

Clear, hard, veined, flinty, and rugged on the surface.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. GREY AGATE.							
Large lumps	very hard	heavy	raised in round bumps	GREY	veins of black and white	Germany	for toys. Achates Durifera. W.
2. BROWN AGATE.							
Small lumps	very hard	very heavy	warted	DEEP BROWN	vein'd with grey and white	Italy	for toys. Achates Fulca. W.

S D S	3. MILK AGATE.							Achat Chalcedonizant Cristalliz.
	Large lumps	hard	heavy	raised in lumps	MILKY GREY	concentric circles of white	Africa	for toys.
	4. BLACK AGATE.							Achat Niger. W.
	Small lumps	hard	very heavy	botryoide	BLACK, WITH PALE VEINS	keeps its colour in the fire	Germany	toys.
	5. DOTTED AGATE. ST. STEPHEN'S GEM.							Silex Sardus. L.
	Small masses	soft	very heavy	rough	PALE GREY	red dots, and streaky	Italy	toys.
	6. TAWNY AGATE.							L'Agate Ivonne. W.
	Large lumps	hard	heavy	botryoide	PALE BROWNISH YELLOW	undulated	Germany	toys.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
7. HYENA AGATE.							
Large lumps	hard	heavy	rugged	OLIVE BROWN	finicky	Germany	toys. L'Agate Hyena, W.
8. PANTHER AGATE.							
Large lumps	very hard	heavy	grape like	YELLOWISH	dusky spots	Palatinate	toys. L'Agate Panthere, W.
9. WHITE VEIN'D AGATE.							
Large masses	very hard	heavy	bubbly	DEEP BROWN	white veins	Hartz forest	toys. Achates Variegatus Cronstedt.
10. VIOLET AGATE.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	warted	VIOLET PURPLE	dusky veins	Germany	toys. Achates Vioaceus Cronstedt.

11. BLOOD AGATE.

Small lumps	soft	heavy	bumps, and rifings	BLACK	blood red spots	Germany	toys.
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Achaten
Hermachates.
W.

12. FLESH AGATE.

Small lumps	hard	heavy	waved	GREY	flesh- colour'd spots	Oberstein	toys.
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Achaten
Sardachates.
W.

13. GREEN AGATE.

Large lumps	soft	heavy	warted	PALE GREEN.	red spots	Germany	toys.
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Achaten
Jaspachates.
W.

14. ORANGE AGATE.

Large lumps	hard	very heavy	crusted, and rough	DUSKY YELLOW	black, red, and green veins	Germany	toys.
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Achaten
Quadricolor.
W.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER VII.

M O C O A S.

Semipellucid, smooth, very hard, with black delineations.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CLEAR MOCOA.							
Small lumps	very hard	heavy	smooth	COLOUR- LESS	with black mosses	East Indies	L'Agate Coralline. W. ornament.
2. BROWN MOCOA.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	uneven	PALE BROWN	figures of trees	East Indies	Dendrachates Woodward. ornaments.

3. WHITE MOCOAS.

Small lumps	hard	heavy	botryoide	WHITISH, OR MILKY	forms of silver ores	Germany *	ornament.
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Achates
Mocoensis.
W.

* Wonders have been related of these Mocoas; but they have been fictitious: we have been astonished with the forms of sun, moon, and stars; the shapes of Insects, the arms of nations, and, even human figures: but when we know that a solution of silver will follow a tool, and give any delineations we please on Stones, of this quality, we find the origin of these more than natural productions. Mocoas may be made thus, with pretty figures, like the natural, as well as with romantic follies; and 'tis strange, that when the lines decay, and begin to disappear, laying the Stone in the sunshine recalls them.

Linnaeus does not distinguish the Mocoa from the Agate; and Wallerius enumerates those with forms of crowns, and human figures, and the like: but the fact is, the Mocoa differs from the Agate; for it is harder; but the colours of the Stone, not the delineations, are to mark the different kinds.

C O M P O U N D F O S S I L S.

O R D E R VIII.

S W A L L O W S T O N E S.

Small, rounded, or oval, smooth.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CONVEX SWALLOW STONE.							
Low raised	tender	heavy	polished	PALE BROWN	concave below	Germany	Hirondelle Concave. W.
2. HIGH SWALLOW STONE.							
Raised high	hard	heavy	botryoide	WHITISH	hæmi- sphere	Saxony	Hirondelle Demi-sphérique. W.
3. CRAB'S EYE SWALLOW STONE.							
Oval	hard	heavy	polished	GREY	in lumps of Agate	Germany	Hirondelle Ovale. W.
4. CORNER'D SWALLOW STONE.							
Square	soft	light	rugged	MILKY	hollowed below	Germany	Hirondelle Quarré. W.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER IX.

JASPER S.

Opake, rough, in vast masses.

1. PLAIN JASPER S.

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FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	C O L O U R.	QUALITIES.	P L A C E.	U S E S.
1. GREY JASPER.							
Vast masses	hard	very heavy	rugged	DULL GREY	breaks like flint	Sweden	Silex Jaspis. L.
2. WHITE JASPER.							
Great masses	very hard	heavy	uneven	FINE BLUEISH WHITE	polishes finely	Germany	Petroflex Albus. W.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	U S E S.
3. RED JASPER. Great pebbles	hard	heavy	even	RED	glossy	gravel pits in England	Homochromum Rubens. H.
4. YELLOW JASPER. Vast blocks	very hard	heavy	rugged	PALE YELLOW	sparkling	Hampstead-heath	Jaspis Flava. W.
5. IRON JASPER. Rounded lumps	hard	very heavy	smooth	BRIGHT IRON GREY	flinty	Germany	Jaspis Martialis Cronstedt.
6. BROWN JASPER. Rugged lumps	very hard	very heavy	wrinkled	DEAD BROWN	shining	Sweden	Jaspis Spadicea. W.

7. BLUE JASPER.

Rounded
lumps

hard

very
heavy

glossy

FINE BLUE

flinty

Italy

8. GREEN JASPER.

Rounded
lumps

hard

heavy

smooth

DULL
GREEN

marbly

Suffex

9. BLACK JASPER.

Vast rocks

very hard

heavy

uneven

PERFECTLY
BLACK

stony

Germany,
Sweden

2. VEIN'D JASPER S.

10. GREEN AND YELLOW JASPER.

Small masses

hard

very
heavy

smooth

GOOD
GREENyellow
spots

Bohemia

Jaspis
Acrizusa
Plin.i.Homochroum
Virefcens.
H.Jaspis
Nigra
Cronstedt.Jaspis
Virens
Cronstedt.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
11. BLOODSTONE JASPER.							
Small lumps	hard	heavy	smooth	BLUEISH GREEN	blood red spots	Ægypt	Jaspis Heliotropium Cronstedt.
12. YELLOW AND WHITE JASPER.							
Great blocks	very hard	heavy	crack'd, and flaw'd	PEARLY WHITE	yellow blotches	Germany	Jaspis Variegata Albescent. W.
13. RED AND BLACK JASPER.							
Large lumps	hard	very heavy	raised in bumps	BLOOD RED	green and black spots	Italy	Diaspro Rosso Cronstedt.
14. RED AND YELLOW JASPER.							
Small blocks	very hard	heavy	perfectly even	DUSKY RED	yellow veins and spots	Ægypt	Diaspro Flavido Cronstedt.

15. BROWN AND WHITE JASPER.

Large lumps	hard	very heavy
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uneven

PALE
BROWNwhite
blotches

Germany

Jaspis
Variegatafulca.
W.

16. PANTHER JASPER.

Great lumps	less hard	heavy
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uneven

GREEN

yellow
and red
blotches

Germany

Jaspis Variegata
Viridis.
W.

17. GARAMANTINE JASPER.

Small lumps	very hard	heavy
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glossy

DEEP RED

white
blotches

Ægypt

Jaspis Lineis
Albis.
W.

18. AZURE JASPER.

Small lumps	hard	heavy
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crack'd

FINE BLUE

yellow and
white
veins and
spots

Arabia

a copper ore.

Lapis
Lazuli.
W.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
19. ARMENIAN JASPER.							
Small masses	lets hard	heavy	smooth	LIGHT BLUE	white spots	Ægypt	Lapis Armenus W.
20. SAPPHIRINE JASPER.							
Small masses	hard	heavy	glossy	DEEP BLUE	gold dots	East Indies	Lapis Radians W.
3. ROCK JASPER S.							
21. BROWN ROCK JASPER.							
Whole strata	hard	very heavy	rugged	PALE BROWN	flinty	Germany	Petrofides Lucidofuscus W.
22. UMBER ROCK JASPER.							
Whole rocks	tender	heavy	wavy	DEEP BROWN	glassy	Sweden	Petrofides Obscurofuscus W.

23. VEIN'D ROCK JASPER.

Vast rocks	hard	heavy	rugged	GREENISH	brown veins	Germany
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Petrofiliex
Venosus.
W.

24. SAND JASPER.

Vast masses	less hard	very heavy	rough	RUDDY BROWN	white and yellow dots	Italy
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Petrofiliex
Arenaceus.
W.

4. AGATE JASPER S.

25. PEARLY AGATE JASPER.

Great rocks	very hard	very heavy	rugged	WHITISH	white lines	Germany
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Petrofiliex Semipellucidus.
Albus.
W.

26. RED AGATE JASPER.

Great masses	hard	heavy	uneven	PALE REDDISH	dusky spots	Germany
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Petrofiliex Semipellucidus
Rubescens.
W.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
27. VEIN'D AGATE JASPER.							
Great masses	very hard	heavy	smooth	BROWNISH	white and red veins	Bohemia	<i>Petrofex Semipellucidus Venosus.</i> W.
28. PEACOCK AGATE JASPER.							
Great blocks	less hard	very heavy	bubbled	RUDDY	black and yellow veins	Germany	<i>Petrofex Semipellucidus Variegatus.</i> W.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER X.

PEBBLES.

Rounded, hard masses, covered with a crust, and formed of circular coats, round a central nucleus.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. RED AND WHITE PEBBLE.			rugged	NUCLEUS YELLOW	crusts red and white	Hampstead- heath	Calculus Albo Rubens. H.
Oval	hard	heavy					Calculus Nigro Albus. H.
2. BLACK AND WHITE PEBBLE.			uneven	NUCLEUS TAWNY	crusts black, white, yellow	Kenfington	Calculus Fusco Albus. H.
Round	hard	heavy					
3. BROWN AND WHITE PEBBLE.			reticu- lated	LARGE BROWN NUCLEUS	crusts white and brown	Hertford- shire	Calculus Czeruleo Rubens. H.
Oblong	hard	heavy					
4. BLUE AND RED PEBBLE.			smooth	LARGE GREY NUCLEUS	red, blue, and brown crusts	Windfor	
Round	hard	heavy					

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. WHITE COATED PEBBLE.							
Uneven masses	hard	heavy	rugged	RED, WHITE, AND BROWN	a thick white crust	Hampstead	Calculus Corticofusus H.
6. BLUSH AND WHITE PEBBLE.							
Round	hard	heavy	wrinkled	NUCLEUS BLUEISH	thin crusts of two reds, white and yellow	Hertford- shire	Calculus Rufaceus. H.
7. PURPLE PEBBLE.							
Oval	hard	heavy	smooth	NUCLEUS FLESH- COLOUR'D	crusts purple and yellow	Hampstead	Calculus Purpureus. H.
8. MACPHE PEBBLE.							
Oval	hard	heavy	wrinkled	NUCLEUS BLACK	crusts black and white	Leicester- shire	Calculus Maculatus. H.

9. GREEN AND WHITE PEBBLE.								Calculus Albo Virens. H.
Round	hard	heavy	uneven	NUCLEUS GREY	crusts white and green	Northamp- tonshire		
10. RAINBOW PEBBLE.								Calculus Verticulus. H.
Round	hard	heavy	smooth	NUCLEUS SMALL AND RUDDY	thin crusts of all colours	Leicester- shire		
11. ÆGYPTIAN PEBBLE.*								Calculus Ægyptiacus. H.
Oblong	hard	heavy	wrinkled	NUCLEUS BROWNISH WHITE	crusts tawny, brown, and black	Ægypt		
12. BROWN AND YELLOW PEBBLE.								Calculus Fuscoslavus. H.
Oval	hard	heavy	smooth	NUCLEUS GREEN	crusts brown and yellow	Hampstead		

* The Ægyptian Pebble is eminent for its Mecca-like variegations; and for the more than ordinary oddities of its veins and spots. Few Fossils require more care in the distinction than the English Pebbles. I once thought them more numerous; but these seem, on strict enquiry, all the true kinds.

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ORDER XI.

FLINTS.

Opake, glossy, solid, and of one colour and substance.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. CHALK FLINT.							
Uneven masses	very hard	heavy	rough, white coated	DUSKY	horn-like	chalk-pits	<div>Silex Cretaceus. L.</div> gun flints, and glaſs.
2. OIL FLINT.							
Great lumps	hard	heavy	naked, and ſmooth	OLIVE-COLOUR'D	oily	France	<div>Silex Pyromachus. L.</div> gun flints.
3. GREY FLINT.							
Vaſt lumps	very hard	heavy	ſmooth, brown coated	GREY	gloſſy	Sweden	<div>Silex Marmoræus. L.</div> gun flints.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

CLASS II.

STONES.

Formed into whole strata; composed of two, or more of the native earthy Fossils.

ORDER I.

EARTHY STONES.

Composed of hardened Earths, with Saline, or other mixtures.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. OIL STONE.							
Thick plates	soft	heavy	smooth	BLACK	fine	Germany	• Schistae Novacula. L. for whetstones.
2. SLATE STONE.							
Thin plates	hard	heavy	scaly	RAVEN GREY	easily mark'd	Germany	Schistae Tabularis. L. plates for writing.
3. BRITTLE SLATE.							
Thick plates	tender	light	dusty	BLACK	crumbly	Sweden	Schistae Atratus. L.
4. GREEN SLATE.							
Coarse plates	soft	heavy	rugged	GREYISH GREEN	brittle	Germany	Schistae Viridis. L.

5. BLUE SLATE.								Schistus Ardesia. L.
Fine plates	hard	heavy	even	BLUE GREY	firm	England	for slating houses.	
6. PURPLE SLATE.								Schistus Purpurascens. H.
Thick plates	hard	light	scaly	PURPLE	brittle	England	for houses.	
7. SOUNDING SLATE.								Schistus Solidus. L.
Fine plates	very hard	heavy	smooth	BLACK	sounds when struck	England	for houses.	
8. CLAY SLATE.								Schistus Argillaceus. L.
Thick strata	soft	light	rugged	YELLOWISH GREY	crumbly	Sweden		

* Excellent Linnæus! so distinct and perfect in these Stones, little remains for others, but to copy him.

F O R M.	H A R D N E S S.	W E I G H T.	S U R F A C E.	C O L O U R.	Q U A L I T I E S.	P L A C E.	U S E s.
9. WHITE MARLE SLATE.							
Vast strata	very soft	light	scaly	PURE WHITE	shattery	England	Schistus Albus. H. manure.
10. GREY MARLE SLATE.							
Thick beds	soft	heavy	uneven	DEAD GREY	crumbly	England	Schistus Margaceus. s. L. manure.
11. GREEN MARLE SLATE.							
Deep strata	hard	heavy	rugged	GREENISH	breaks in the air	England	Schistus {Margaceus. s. L. manure.
12. RUDDY MARLE SLATE.							
Thick strata	very hard	heavy	scaly	REDDISH	breaks in the air	England	Schistus Margaceus. y L. manure.

13. STAINING SLATE.

Coarse beds

soft

light

flaky

DEEP
BLACKstains the
hands

Sweden

a coarse paint.

Schistus
Nigrica.14. RAVEN SLATE.
ALUM SLATE.

Thick strata

hard

heavy

scaly

RAVEN
GREY

firm

England

alum ore.

Schistus
Communis.
L.

15. DOTTED SLATE.

Thick strata

hard

heavy

rugged

RUDDY

brown
spots

Sweden

whetstones.

Schistus
Olearius.
L.

16. LIMESTONE SLATE.

Vast strata

hard

heavy

scaly

PALE
BROWN

gritty

Sweden

lime.

Schistus
Effervescens.
L.

17. FLINTY SLATE.

Thick plates

very hard

very
heavy

flaky

DARK
GREY

compact

China

Schistus
Compactissimus.
L.

• This often is rich in Alum; in which case it breaks into a kind of rhomboidal fragments, with sparkling surface.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER II.

CRYSTALLINE STONES.

Composed of a crystalline matter ; debased by earthy, and other mixtures.

THE distinction of these Stones is easy, and absolute : they are hard ; they are glossy, when broken ; they strike fire with steel ; they are not affected by Acids ; and they run to glass.

Where we see cracks, or hollows, in them, they are usually lined, or filled with shoots of pure Crystal ; and of Crystal only. Spar has no place but in Sparry Stones.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. GRINDSTONE.							
Thick strata	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITISH	sandy	Germany	for grindstones.
2. CRACKSTONE.							
Vast strata	soft	heavy	crack'd	GREYISH	spangled	Sweden	
3. LIVERSTONE.							
Vast masses	tender	heavy	rugged	REDDISH BROWN	bounces in the fire	Sweden	
4. TYGERSTONE.							
Great masses	hard	heavy	uneven	RUDDY BROWN	white spots	Sweden	

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
5. IRON STONE.							
Rude lumps	soft	lighter	bubbly	PALE BROWN	round rusty spots	Germany	^{Cos Variolosa. L.} an iron ore.
6. HONE STONE.							
Flat lumps	soft	heavy	smooth	PALE YELLOWISH BROWN	smooth	Arabia	^{Cos Novacula. L.} for barbers hones.
7. WHITE SLATE STONE.							
Flat flakes	hard	heavy	rugged	WHITISH	fandy	England	^{Cos Fistilis. L.} for building.
8. RED SLATE STONE.							
Thick plates	tender	very heavy	scaly	REDDISH	gritty, sparkling	England	^{Cos Fistilis Rufescens. L.} for building.

9. CRUMBLY STONE.

Vast strata

soft

heavy

rugged

PALE

hardens in
the air

England

building.

Friab.....
L.

10. LOOSE STONE.

Great lumps

brittle

heavy

gritty

BRIGHT

of small,
clear
granules

Italy

glafs.

Coe
Coagmentata.
L.

11. FILTERING STONE.

Thick lumps

tender

light

cavernous

PALE
BROWNlets water
pass thro'

Canaries

for filtering water.

Coe
Filtrum.
L.

12. SMOOTH STONE.

Thick strata

very hard

heavy

smooth

YELLOWISH
BROWNgranite
dotsGermany,
Sweden

grinding stones.

Coe
Compacta.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
13. BRIGHT STONE.							
Vast strata	hard	heavy	regularly granulated	PALE BROWN	bright	England, Sweden	building. <small>Cos Strataria. L.</small>
14. YELLOW SAND STONE.							
Great strata	tender	heavy	sandy	YELLOW	even structure	Yorkshire	<small>Cos Colorata. & L.</small>
15. GREEN SAND STONE.							
Vast masses	soft	very heavy	rugged	DULL GREEN	granulated	Germany	refuse. <small>Cos Colorata. & L.</small>
16. BLACK SAND STONE.							
Great lumps	tender	heavy	uneven	BLACKISH	coarse	Sweden	refuse. <small>Cos Colorata. & L.</small>

17. PORCELANE STONE.

Thick strata	hard	heavy	irregular	GREY	part glossy	Sweden
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^{Cos}
Porcellana.
L.

18. MILL STONE.

Vast strata	hard	heavy	irregular	PALE BROWN	mixt of various particles	England
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^{Cos}
Molaris.
L.

for grinding corn.

19. ROUGH STONE.

Vast strata	very hard	heavy	granulated	RUDDY	sharp particles	Sweden
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^{Cos}
Fundamentalis.
L.

building.

F O R M.	H A R D N E S S.	W E I G H T.	S U R F A C E.	C O L O U R.	Q U A L I T I E S.	P L A C E.	U S E S.
20. W H I T E S T O N E.							
Vast strata	hard	heavy	rough	WHITISH	sharp particles	England	Cos Fundamentalis Alba. L. building.
21. P L A T E S T O N E.							
Great lumps	very hard	heavy	smooth	PALE GREY	flinty, but gra- nulated	Germany	Quartzum Fissile. L. glass.
22. S L A G S T O N E.							
Vast blocks	hard	very heavy	rugged	PALE BROWN	mixt of great and small grains	Sweden	Quartzum Cotaceum. L. glass.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

ORDER III.

SPARRY STONES.

Composed of Spar ; debased by earthy, and other mixtures.

THES E are soft, tender, and brittle ; they break irregularly ; they will not strike fire with steel ; and they ferment with Acids. The pure Spar in their construction, dissolves in these liquors ; and sometimes part of the debasing mixture, when Alkaline : the rest remains, and shews the mixt nature of the Stones.

'Tis from these residuums of the various Sparry Stones, washed clean, and examined by the microscope, we may, with truth and certainty, discover their nature and composition.

The cracks in these rocks always afford Spar, never Crystal ; therefore these crystalizations are of matter which was originally a part of the Stone itself, not brought from elsewhere.

The coarser Sparry Stones have been called, Limestone ; and the finer Marbles. The distinctive names shall be preserved here, tho' the distinction itself is vague. I have had some of our Limestones polished, as Marble, which all have call'd, and allowed to be Marble ; and many Marbles always called so, and acknowledged such, are burnt into lime ; especially the fragments, and the upper parts of the strata.

In all Limestones, Marbles, and even in Chalk, the upper part is softer, and coarser ; that which lies deeper, is harder, and finer.

COMPOUND FOSSILS.

I. LIMESTONES. *

Sparry Stones of a dull aspect.

I. OF A SMOOTH EVEN STRUCTURE.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
1. WHITE SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Great strata	tender	heavy	uneven	WHITISH	burns easily to lime	England	<i>Lapis Calcareus</i> <i>Æquabilis Albus.</i> W. lime. manure.
2. YELLOW SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Vast masses	hard	heavy	smooth	PALE YELLOW	burns slowly	Venice	<i>Calcareus Æ.</i> <i>Flavus</i> <i>Cronstedt.</i> lime.

FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
7. IRON SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Large strata	very hard	very heavy	undulated	GLOSSY, IRON GREY	burns slowly	Germany	lime. Calcareus Æ. Ferreus. W.
8. BROWN SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Great lumps	hard	heavy	rugged	DEEP BROWN	burns difficultly	Dalecarlia	lime: Calcareus Æ. Fuscus. W.
9. BLACK SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Vast strata	soft	light	smooth	BLACKISH	burns easily	Germany	lime. Calcareus Niger Cronstedt.
10. MARBLED SMOOTH LIMESTONE.							
Thick strata	very hard	heavy	flaky	grey, ruddy, and other colours, mixed	bright	Germany	lime. Calcareus Æ. Venosus. W.

2. GRITTY LIMESTONES.

11. COARSE WHITE GRITTY LIMESTONE.

Vast strata	tender	light	granulated	DEAD WHITE	large grains	England	Calcareus Granulatus Alb. 1. Cronstedt. lime. manure.
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12. FINE WHITE GRITTY LIMESTONE.

Great lumps	hard	heavy	rough	BRIGHT WHITE	small grains	Sweden	Calcareus Granulatus Alb. 2. Cronstedt. lime.
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13. BRIGHT GRITTY LIMESTONE.

Irregular strata	brittle	light	dufty	SHINING WHITE	fulphure- ous smell	Italy	Calcareus Scintillans Cronstedt. for brimstone.
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14. RED GRITTY LIMESTONE.

Thick strata	hard	heavy	rugged	REDDISH	crackly	England	Calcareus Granulatus Ruber Cronstedt. lime.
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FORM.	HARDNESS.	WEIGHT.	SURFACE.	COLOUR.	QUALITIES.	PLACE.	USES.
15. GREEN GRITTY LIMESTONE.							
Thin strata	tender	light	irregular	DARK GREEN	burns easily	Germany	lime. <i>Calcareus Granulatus Viridescens. W.</i>
16. BLACK AND WHITE GRITTY LIMESTONE.							
Thick beds	hard	heavy	undulated	MARbled, OF BLACK, WHITE, AND BROWN	burns slowly	Salberg	lime. <i>Calcareus Granulatus Nigro Albescens Cronstedt.</i>
17. GREEN AND WHITE GRITTY LIMESTONE.							
Rude lumps	tender	heavy	rugged	WHITE, AND GREEN	blotch'd	Salberg	lime. <i>Calcareus Granulatus Albo Viridis Cronstedt.</i>
3. FLAKY LIMESTONES.							
18. WHITE FLAKY LIMESTONE.							
Vast masses	hard	light	rugged	SNOW WHITE	pick pieces	Sweden	lime. <i>Calcareus Squammosus Albus Cronstedt.</i>